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KONGMOON PANIC.

BANDIT PLOT HATCHED IN MACAO?

POLITICS AND OUTLAWRY.

Small Kwangsi Garrison in a Forlorn Hope.

ROBBERS' ARMADA STRANDED ON THE MUD—FLIGHT OVERLAND.

Kongmoon's garrison, comprising a handful of Kwangsi troops, has taken part successfully in a forlorn hope which took the form of a sortie against bandits who arrived in an armada of junks which were stranded on the mud.

That politics have become involved with outlawry is evident from confirmation of the wireless message published yesterday in which it was mentioned agents of the Ironsides are alleged to have instigated the robbers in their attack on Kongmoon.

AMERICAN GUNBOAT STANDING BY.

Information has reached the "China Mail" that spies of the Ironsides—the Cantonese troops now in control at Canton—invited a number of bandit chieftains to Macao, where a plot was hatched, by which the outlaws were to be given a free hand in a reign of terror in the Kongmoon area, provided they paved the way for the Ironsides to follow them in.

Seven bandit leaders are believed to have attended the "conference."

The U.S.S. "Pampanga," a river gunboat, was at Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon, on Thursday night, and is standing by.

TOWN IN SIEGE.

Kwangsi Reinforcements Turn the Tide.

Four hundred bandits attacked the town of Lai Ngok, which is opposite Kongmoon city. Three hundred town guards offered stout resistance.

It was daylight when the bandits approached under cover to surprise the garrison but word soon reached Kongmoon whence a hundred Kwangsi regulars—the full strength left there since the Kwangsi withdrawal—rushed to raise the siege of Lai Ngok. Another 100 men, under the Sanwui magistrate, arrived at 10 a.m. Several hundreds, who were in ten armed launches, reached the scene at noon from Kungyick, turning the tide of battle. And a company (the whole of the garrison at Pakkai) reached the place in time to see the bandits take to their heels.

Complicated Battle. Because their fleet was stranded owing to the tide running out, the bandits had to flee overland.

Later, it transpired that the 100 men from Kongmoon city were in danger of being surrounded themselves. When they reached Lai Ngok, a gang of pirates stole up and attacked them from the rear. The pirates were, in turn, stampeded by the larger force from Kungyick, but not before they (the pirates) had fought stubbornly for several hours.

The casualties of this rather complicated battle were—a hundred outlaws and eight soldiers killed, with a corresponding number of wounded.

More Terrors in Store. If Lai Ngok fell into the hands of the bandits, Kongmoon will be untenable.

Panic is felt here although some volunteer militia, police and Sunning Railway guards are on duty. At Kongmoon, each firm has to provide a number of men for the Merchants Volunteers, as was the case in Canton some years ago.

Scouts have reported the presence of bandit gangs at Ho Tong and Chiu Lin, awaiting a chance to swoop down on Pakkai.

Steamers from Hong Kong are anchoring off Plover Island for the night, rather than pass a dangerous spot in the dark, and arriving here half an hour late.

BOYCOTT TO END.

Pickets To Cease Duty As From To-day.

Canton's branch political council—the highest civil authority—has ordered the winding-up of the anti-British and anti-Japanese Boycott Societies, as reported in the "China Mail" earlier this week.

Pickets of the anti-Japanese Society will cease duty after to-day, but a gratuity of one month's bonus will be granted them.

Resolutions have been passed for the speedy closure of the Boycott Society, and for dealing with confiscated cargo, special attention being given to matches from Japan.

IRONSIDES' GAIN.

Kwangsi Troops March Back to Wuchow.

Indirect addition to the power of the Ironsides in Canton has been made by the decision of the Kwangsi military faction to evacuate the lower course of the West River.

The four or five thousand men who were previously concentrated about 100 miles above (west of) Canton are now marching back to Kwangsi.

According to later reports, Wuchow is still defended and prepared against emergency attacks. About 7,000 Kwangsi troops, scattered over different parts of Kwangsi province are moving slowly down to Wuchow to reinforce the garrison there.

Canton still talks of an advance up to Kwangsi but nothing material has been done yet.

Cut-off Heads on View. Terrible conditions prevail in the hinterland of Bias Bay owing to there being no established authority.

A column of Kwangsi troops moved westwards some time ago, shortly after the Ironsides' coup, to challenge the Ironsides on the East River. It has not come in contact with their enemies yet. Taking advantage of the garrison having had to move out, local rebels, bandits and guerillas have set up "Red" administrations which came into being with an exhibition of human heads which had been severed from the bodies of people who were unfortunate enough to have possessed a little property.

Setting a Good Example. In order to set a good example, the Ironsides' leaders in Canton have forbidden their army officers forcibly to cash notes of the Central Bank, anxiety having been felt by the public on account of depreciation following the political crisis.

The Ironsides also show signs of sending an expedition against the Kongmoon area in which a pro-Kwangsi general is in control.

Pro-Leftist vernacular papers announce that the former Canton gunboat, the "Wing Fung," which is now at Ningpo (near Shanghai) is coming south to attack Swatow as rumours are current that General Li Chai-sum hopes to re-establish himself at Swatow which is still held by his men.

LADY'S DEATH.

WIFE OF VISITING INTERPORT CRICKETER.

FUNERAL THIS EVENING.

The sympathy of the whole community will go out to Mr. H. R. Rix, one of the interport cricketers who visited the Colony with the Malaya team, in the death of his wife which took place in the Victoria Hospital early this morning.

Mr. Rix and his wife undertook the journey to Hong Kong together with a view to enjoying a month's holiday but Mrs. Rix was unfortunately taken very ill last week and had been in a serious condition since.

It was Mrs. Rix's illness which prevented Mr. Rix from batting in the second innings against Hong Kong. The funeral passes the Monument at Canton to-day.

WARD 13.

Provision For Sick Prisoners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S POWERS.

Powers Of Transfer From Prison To Prison.

"The Government Gazette" contains the draft of a Bill to amend the Prisons Ordinance.

The "objects and reasons" are as follows:—

1. It has been the practice for many years to transfer to the Government Civil Hospital prisoners who, in the opinion of the medical officer of the prison in which such prisoners are confined, cannot properly be treated in the prison hospital. There is now a special ward, Ward Thirteen, in the Government Civil Hospital, which is self-contained and is arranged as a prison. This ward has, however, not been set apart as a prison under the Prisons Ordinance, 1899. Recently, therefore, it was proposed to make an order setting this ward apart as a prison, but doubts were raised as to whether the power conferred on the Governor by section 2 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, included a power to set apart a portion of a building, because the wording of paragraph (1) of that section is, "to set apart any available sites and buildings." Accordingly, paragraph (a) of section 2 of this Ordinance repeals the words "any available sites and buildings" and substitutes the words "any place or building or portion of a building."

2. Under the practice referred to above it has been usual to obtain the sanction of the Governor for each removal of a prisoner to the Government Civil Hospital. This is unsatisfactory in two respects. In the first place, a doubt may be expressed as to whether the Governor has power to order a prisoner to be removed from a prison to a place which is not a prison. That particular point will be met when Ward Thirteen is set apart as a prison under the present Ordinance.

In the second place, it seems unnecessary that the Governor should have to make a special order in each case in a matter which may quite properly be placed in the discretion of the Superintendent of Prisons. Again, it has hitherto been the practice for prisoners to be transferred from Victoria Gaol to Lai Chi Kok Prison, and vice versa, under the authority of the Superintendent of Prisons. Here again a doubt may be expressed as to the power of the Superintendent to order such transfers. Accordingly, a new section 4 which is inserted in the principal Ordinance by section 3 of this Ordinance will give the Superintendent of Prisons clear power to order transfers of both the above classes. That amendment will make paragraph (3) of section 2 of the principal Ordinance unnecessary. The paragraph in question gives the Governor power to make orders to remove prisoners from one prison to another. That paragraph is therefore now repealed by paragraph (b) of section 2 of this Ordinance.

3. Section 3 of this Ordinance inserts a new section 4 in the principal Ordinance. The main effect of the new section is to give the Superintendent of Prisons power to make the transfers referred to in paragraph 1 and 2 above. This subject is dealt with in sub-sections (2) and (3). Sub-section (4) provides that prisoners of unsound mind shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed by the Asylums Ordinance, 1906. Strictly speaking this sub-section is unnecessary, but it was considered that it would be convenient to direct attention by means of it of the relevant provisions of the Asylums Ordinance.

Sub-section (1) of the new section 4 introduces a provision taken from section 17 of the Criminal Administration Act, 1914, to the effect that a prisoner may be lawfully confined in any prison to which the Ordinance applies. It may be added that sub-sections (2) and (3) of the new section 4 are also based on section 17 of the same Act. The powers there given are in England vested in the Secretary of State for the Home Department, but it is considered that they may be properly given to the Superintendent of Prisons in Hong Kong.

4. Section 12 and 13 of the principal Ordinance overlap, and for no apparent reason the maximum penalties under the two sections are not the same. The discrepancy is made more serious by an unusual provision that section 13 shall not apply in any case where the offender is liable to a more severe punishment under any other provision of the Ordinance. The maximum penalty under section 12 is more severe than that under section 13. A conviction under section 13 might therefore be quashed on this ground, and yet it might not be clear in any particular case which of the two sections should apply. Accordingly, these two sections are repealed by this Ordinance. Section 4 of this Ordinance repeals section 12 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section dealing with the whole subject of the introduction of prohibited articles into prisons. Section 5 of this Ordinance repeals section 13 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section which deals with improper supply or use of prohibited articles within any prison.

ALREADY DISARMED.

Britain's Voluntary Effort.

IMPERIAL POLICE FORCE.

Striking Rejoinder To The Other Powers.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Speaking to the British Press this afternoon, at Geneva, Lord Cushendun, British representative, to the League of Nations, said that British policy on disarmament had in no way changed. On the contrary, he declared, "We are inclined to say to other countries who approach us on this subject that we have already disarmed. We effected our disarmament immediately after the war and now we have not much to offer. After the war Great Britain possessed unquestionable supremacy of the seas more than ever since the Battle of Trafalgar. But, as soon as the war was over, we immediately scrapped—rather too hurriedly, I am inclined to think—between 1,750,000 and 2,000,000 tons of ships. We did this not merely from our desire to realise economies, but also so that we might dispense with all offensive forces except those strictly necessary. We also abandoned two arsenals and two naval bases. We cut down the personnel of our Navy, and practically scrapped

"FINE TO CLOUDY."

Favourable Weather Forecast For Week-End.

"Fresh north-east winds, fine to cloudy" is the weather forecast (till noon to-morrow) issued by the Observatory, for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast, and Formosa Channel.

ped our air service, with the result that a few years later we had to reconstitute the air arm once more.

Our army, which was always numerically a "contemptible little army," was further reduced. Obligatory service was abolished, and we have reduced our armed forces to the level of an Imperial Police Force such as is necessary (as exemplified in the recent crisis in China) for the protection of British lives and British property throughout the world. We are ready to prove that we have disarmed, and if we had not done so we should now be in a position to offer a reduction of 2,000,000 tons in the Navy and a big reduction of air service. But we cannot do it now. In other words, we have already voluntarily done what we are asking other nations to do now."

Speaking on the work of the Security Commission, which adjourned this morning to assemble very probably on February 20, Lord Cushendun stated that he was perfectly satisfied with the questions which had been referred to the bureau of the Commission in order that a set of resolutions for next meeting should be drafted. He added: "We have now really outlined a basis of discussion."—British Wireless Service.

German Co-operation.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The security committee has concluded its work. A very noteworthy pronouncement was made by Count Bernstorff getting an assurance of Germany's readiness to co-operate in disarmament, whilst hinting at a desire for a revision of the Treaty of Versailles.

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VOLUNTEER LAW.

Pains and Penalties Provided.

DRAFT OF NEW BILL.

Liability Of Non-Efficient Members.

In the Government "Gazette" is published the draft of a Bill to amend the Volunteer Ordinance. Under "objects and reasons" it is stated:—

1. The Ordinance makes a number of not very important amendments in the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

2. Section 2 of the Ordinance substitutes the term "Commandant" for the term "administrative commandant" throughout the principal Ordinance and the regulations made thereunder. The term "Commandant" is considered by the military authorities to be the correct term.

3. It is proposed to form a number of auxiliary units in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. The units will be as follows:—

- (a) A Supplementary Reserve Company, to consist of men who have attained the age of fifty years.
- (b) An Army Service Corps Cadre.
- (c) A Light Section Cadre.
- (d) A Reserve of Officers.

The members of these auxiliary units will not be required to undergo any training, but they will be liable to be called up for actual military service. The Army Service Corps Cadre and the Light Section Cadre will consist of specially selected individuals whose previous training has rendered them fit to perform such duties as they may be required to perform for actual military service. Broadly speaking, the members of the auxiliary units will be persons who are prepared to be called out for actual military service in case of necessity but who will have no duties unless they are so called up. As they will have no duties, it is proposed that service in the auxiliary units will not count towards the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration or Long Service Medal, but that membership will so count in any period during which the units are called out for actual military service. This particular provision will have to be made by an amendment of the regulations under the Royal Warrant relating to the Decoration and Medal, and this amendment will have to be submitted for His Majesty's approval. It may be added that there is a Reserve of Officers at present, though it is not classed as an auxiliary unit. A draft of the proposed new regulations under the principal Ordinance is published at the same time as this bill.

The question of auxiliary units will be found to be referred to in those regulations. 4. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance provides that any volunteer may quit his corps on giving fourteen days' notice in writing, delivering up his equipment, and paying any money due by him. It also provides that every volunteer shall be deemed to have engaged to serve for a period of three years. It is not obvious, though it may on examination be clear, that the obligation to give notice continues even after the expiration of the original period of three years. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 4 of this Ordinance are intended to make the point obvious and quite clear. Section 4 also provides that the three year period shall not apply to the members of the auxiliary units, who will accordingly be at liberty to resign at any time upon giving fourteen days' notice in writing.

5. Section 16 (1) (4) of the principal Ordinance gives a certain power to arrest any officer or volunteer who disobeys any lawful order, or is guilty of misconduct, on any parade. The obvious intention is to provide a remedy for the possible though unlikely case of the flouting of authority on a parade. The paragraph in question, however, is defective in that it gives the power of arrest only to "the officer then in command of the corps or other superior officer, in whose command the corps then is." The officer in command of the corps is the Commandant and he may not be present on the parade. Accordingly, paragraph (b) of section 5 of this Ordinance gives the power of arrest to the Commandant.

Powers of Arrest.

6. Section 17 of the principal Ordinance provides that when a volunteer corps is on actual military service, or is doing duty with His Majesty's regular forces, the provisions of the Army Act with regard to discipline are applied with certain modifications. In order to avoid any possible question, section 7 of this Ordinance adds to that section a sub-section which provides that any disciplinary measures necessary may be carried out after the period of actual military service, or such duty, has come to an end, where, for the purposes of any court martial or court of inquiry, or for any other special purpose, which may appear proper to the Commandant. Any officer or

ENGINEER KILLED.

FATE OF BRITONS ON PIRATED SHIP.

CASUALTIES IDENTIFIED.

Latest About Captain Lalor of the "Siangtan."

BRITISH YANGTZE FLAGSHIP PROCEEDING TO THE SCENE.

Latest information about the piracy of the British steamer "Siangtan," 950 miles up the Yangtze, reveals that the 2nd engineer was one of those killed.

TWO CHINESE PUNITIVE EXPEDITIONS.

Other intelligence to hand is that two Chinese expeditions are being sent against the outlaws and that the flagship of the British gunboats on the Yangtze is proceeding to the scene of the outrage.

There is no word as to the whereabouts of Captain Lalor but it now transpires that he took a prominent part in the Naval epic at Wansien last year.

H.M.S. "APHIS."

Comes to Understanding With Yang Sen.

Rugby, Yesterday. Thirty armed bandits in six sampans on Wednesday night at

of arrest of the officer in command of the parade, or any superior officer under whose command the parade then is. Any officer or volunteer so arrested must be released at the end of the march or duty or exercise during which he was placed under arrest. Paragraph (c) of section 5 therefore, by way of extra caution, provides that such release from arrest shall be without prejudice to any subsequent proceedings for the discharge of the individual in question from the corps. Paragraph (a) of section 5 endeavours to effect a slight improvement in the numbering of the paragraphs of section 16 (1) of the principal Ordinance.

6. Section 6 of this Ordinance repeals section 16A of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section. The principal changes are as follows:—

- (a) The sum of \$25 which a non-efficient is liable to pay will in future be paid into the general revenue of the Colony and not into the general fund of the corps.
- (b) No member of a volunteer corps is to be liable to forfeit this sum in respect of the year in which he attains the age of forty years or in respect of any subsequent year.
- (c) No member of a volunteer corps who has been efficient in three years, whether consecutive years or not, is to be liable to forfeit the said sum.
- (d) A member of a volunteer corps may for various reasons have to quit the corps before making himself efficient in any given year. Accordingly the Commandant is given power to exempt such a person from liability to pay the \$25 if he is of opinion (i) that the person in question quitted the corps for a reasonable and bona fide cause and (ii) that such person used reasonable diligence in undergoing the annual training up to the time of his quitting the corps.

7. Section 17 of the principal Ordinance provides that when a volunteer corps is on actual military service, or is doing duty with His Majesty's regular forces, the provisions of the Army Act with regard to discipline are applied with certain modifications. In order to avoid any possible question, section 7 of this Ordinance adds to that section a sub-section which provides that any disciplinary measures necessary may be carried out after the period of actual military service, or such duty, has come to an end, where, for the purposes of any court martial or court of inquiry, or for any other special purpose, which may appear proper to the Commandant. Any officer or

tacked the British steamer "Siangtan" when she was anchored on the Yangtze River, 16 miles below Ichang. They killed the second engineer, one quartermaster and one of the compradore staff.

The master, Captain Lalor, was taken prisoner.

The Commanding officer of H.M.'s river-gunboat "Aphis" has arranged with General Yang Sen that two parties should be sent to attack the pirates.

Held Captive Before.

H.M.'s gunboats "Gnat" and "Bee," the latter flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Tweedie (British Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze), are proceeding to the scene of the outrage.

The "Siangtan" is a vessel of 1,159 tons and belongs to the China Navigation Co., Ltd.

Captain Lalor, who is now being held to ransom, was last September in command of the s.s. "Wanlu" when it was seized by Chinese soldiers at Wansien.

Previous Turn of Fortune.

The Chinese then threatened to kill him but he was rescued by a British Naval force which boarded the vessel in which he was imprisoned and released him in the face of point-blank fire from the Chinese soldiery.

Captain Lalor has long experience of the intricate navigation of the Upper Yangtze.

By a curious turn of fortune, General Yang Sen (whose soldiers have now been sent to attack Captain Lalor's present captors) was in command of the troops who made him prisoner at Wansien last year.—British Wireless Service.

950 MILES UP!

How Yang Sen Got in Control There.

The quartermaster is Chinese as are also the compradore staff, probably all Northerners.

Ichang is 370 miles above Hankow and the scene of the piracy about 950 miles inland from the mouth of the River.

General Yang Sen took Ichang before but was driven back up river by the Hankow Nationalists. Taking advantage of the recent defeat he has ventured out again. It is this political and military diversion which has provided the opportunity for the pirates.

No further intelligence was issued by the Naval authorities in Hong Kong to-day but it can be taken for granted that active investigation is still being made as to Captain Lalor's whereabouts.

\$100,000 RANSOM.

Version of Report from Shanghai.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A telegram from Ichang states that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's "Siangtan," while anchored 15 miles below Ichang owing to engine trouble, has been attacked by bandits.

The chief engineer, quartermaster and compradore have been killed. Captain Lalor, who distinguished himself when commander of the "Wanlu" at Wansien in September, 1926, has been carried off for ransom, \$100,000 being demanded for his release.—Reuters.

(Note: Reuters says that the chief engineer and the compradore were killed, whereas the wireless mentions the 2nd engineer and one of the compradore staff.)

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M. GERBULT'S FOUR YEAR VOYAGE.

Mr. Alain Gerbault, who recently arrived at Reunion Island, has sailed his tiny ten-ton cutter "Firecrest" across three oceans. The remarkable nature of his voyage will be understood if the last stage of it alone, the 5,500 miles crossing of the Indian Ocean from Thursday Island to Reunion, is compared with the course followed by the survivors of the "Trevesa" in 1923, who reached Mauritius, not far from Reunion, on the point of death after 25 days in an open boat. M. Gerbault's course is three times the length of that followed by the "Trevesa's" boats.

M. Gerbault will be remembered by those who watched the Wimbledon Championships in 1922 as a lawn tennis player of great promise. In 1923 he suddenly set sail from Nice in the "Firecrest"—and reached Long Island after 142 days. His book "The Fight of the Firecrest" contains the story of his adventures. Something gave way in his fragile craft very time the wind blew half a gale, and sometimes he sat all night working with palm and needle. Once after ten hours' spent in stitching the foresail it blew to shreds twenty minutes after it had been set. His lobster partied, and while on the bowsprit repairing it he was dipped clean under several times, but "What did I care; the ocean was not cold." He celebrated the Festival of the Republic in mid-Atlantic with flags. Twice he fell sick and for some hours he was unconscious. But eventually he made Long Island, and after a trip to France, resumed his voyage round the world late in 1924.

Sailing by leisurely stages down the American coast, across the Caribbean Sea and through the Panama Canal, Gerbault at length reached the Pacific. It took him two years to cross it, for it was only in July last that he reached Thursday Island. His Pacific voyage, however, seems to have been intentionally protracted, for the charm of the islands completely conquered him. He found on every hand the traces of his favourite author, Robert Louis Stevenson, and now declares that his intention is to build a new boat when he reaches France, and return to spend the remainder of his days cruising among the enchanted islands of the South Seas.

From Reunion Gerbault intended to make for Durban, where he wished to meet the South African tennis champion, and thence by way of Capetown, St. Helena, and Gibraltar to Marseilles, which he hopes to reach within a year. Whether he completes his itinerary or not, he has already accomplished one of the most remarkable voyages in the history of the sea.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 15, and is expected here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on November 25 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

The E. & A. Company's s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on Monday.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on December 6 at p.m., and is due here on December 7 at p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) leaves Manila to-day at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Monday at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 9 a.m. left same day at 7 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki to-day at 5 p.m. She is due at Hong Kong on December 8.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Penang on November 28, and is expected here on December 8.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rabaul on November 30, and is expected here on December 13.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is expected here on January 1, 1928.

The M.V. "Vimale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Suez on November 29, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Osaka" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 4.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Forrebank" are advised that goods remaining undelivered will be subject to rent after December 5.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benlomond" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December

THE "DISCOVERY."

ADVENTUROUS WAR SERVICE RECALLED.

The recent arrival of the "Discovery" at Falmouth, after an absence of two years in Far-Southern seas, is a reminder of the adventurous war service of her captain, Captain Stenhouse, who with another well-known shipmate and Arctic explorer (Commander Worley, in North Russia. There the former commanded the tiny Naval flotilla at Medveja Gora, on the north shore of Lake Onega, a flotilla that was brought down in sections from Murmansk by train, and put together on the shore of the lake. This little mosquito flotilla, supported by hydroplanes, attacked large Bolshevik steamers, and sank them. The elements of courage in their leader and crew effectively scared the Bolsheviks, who were afraid to leave the harbour of Petra-Zavodsk on account of the presence of Stenhouse and his boats on the lake.

Captain Stenhouse was married only shortly before leaving on the long expedition on the "Discovery." The expedition has been engaged on scientific work mainly connected with whaling. Their object was to study the habits of whales, so as to prevent them from being exterminated in the South in the same way as they have been in the North.

The expedition obtained from the St. Georgia whaling ground sufficient material to enable the scientists to compare one year with another. There is now a standard of comparison as to the conditions governing whaling in general. A land station was established at Crythviken St. Georgia, where members of the party remained to compile statistics.

The "William Scoresby," another old Antarctic whaler, took part in the same work, and both vessels will return at the end of the year. Many types of whales were studied at the station and close attention was given to the conditions that affect them at sea. A number of whales was identified by shooting a mark into them, and when they are caught in years to come they will form a basis for further experiments.

INDIAN PORTS.

One cannot envy the Indian authorities their task in attempting to find a compromise which will satisfy all the Indian native States with regard to the ports of the Kathiawar Peninsula. Their point of view is quite easy to understand, that numerous Customs barriers within British India can only lead to impairing trade and harming the prosperity of the community as a whole. On the other hand, the work done by the various States is obviously unequal. During his long stay in England the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, better known as Ranji, learnt more than cricket, and since he has had the opportunity of developing his territory he has paid particular attention to seaborne trade. Okha has also been developed to a most satisfactory degree, but there are other States who have not spent the time and trouble and who are not satisfied with the allocation of Customs dues which would satisfy certain rulers. Of course, the obvious way out of the difficulty would be for the British authorities to allocate the sums received as they think fit, having reference to the money spent on development and the way trade is encouraged, but there are numerous facts made by treaty with the native princes to set against this, and the authorities have no wish to break their word in any way whatever. So shipping seems fated to wait some time longer while they attempt to find a way out of the difficulty.

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From EUROPE.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 11th December, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

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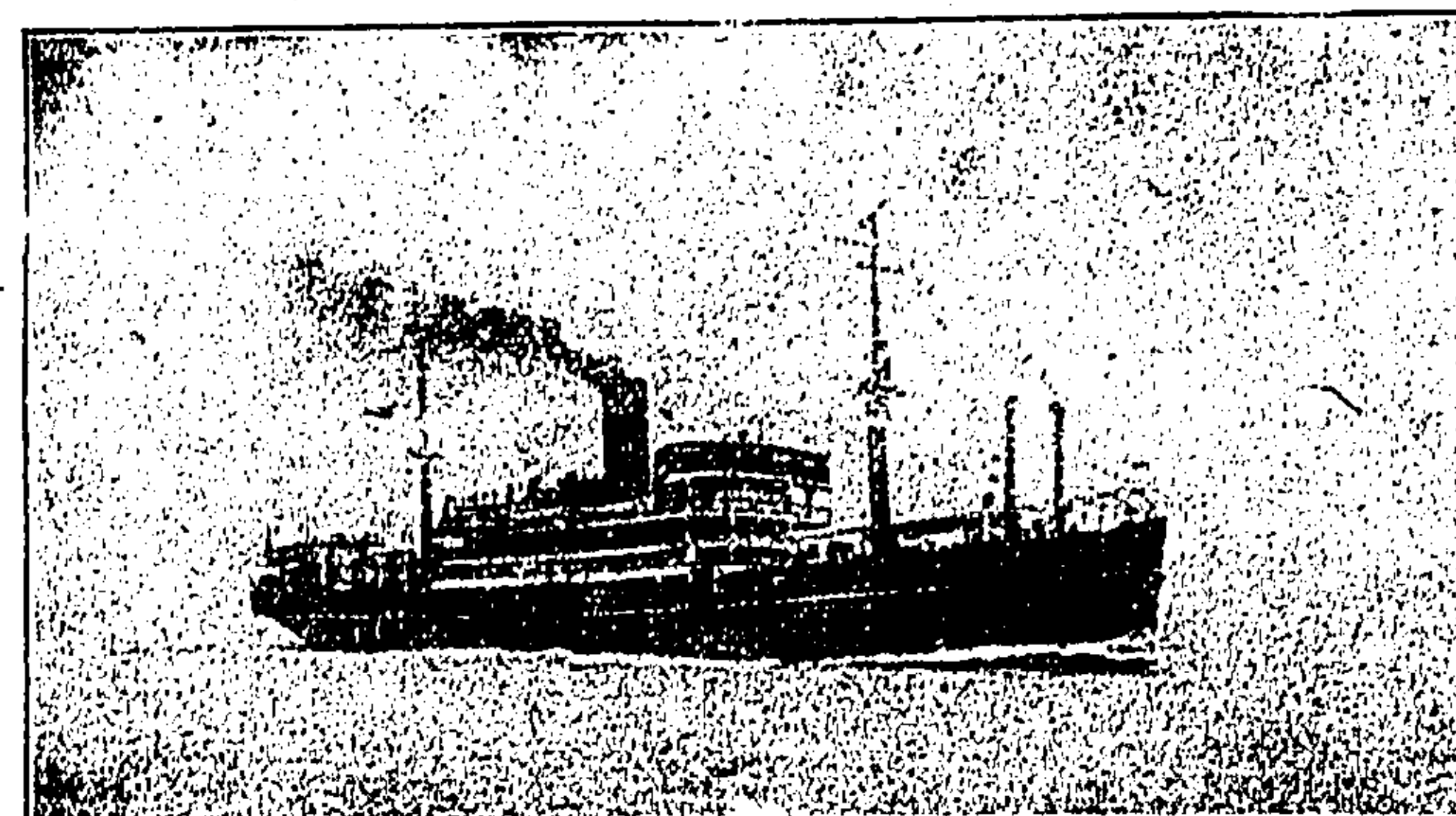
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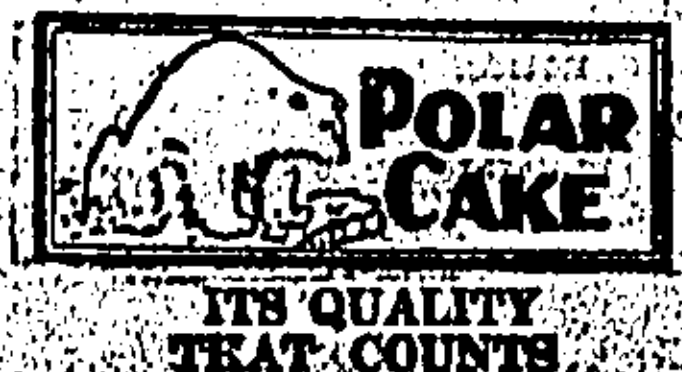
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By Dr. JOHN M. TUTT, C.S.B., of Kansas City, Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts In the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall. TUESDAY December 6th, 1927 At 5.45 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend.



NOTICES.

MACAO RACES. FIFTH EXTRA-RACE MEETING. SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER, 1927. (Weather Permitting)

First Saddle Bell 12.45 p.m. First Race at 1.15 p.m. Public Enclosure 40 cents. Members' Enclosure \$2.00.

STEAMERS TO MACAO. S.S. Sui An 8 a.m. Sunday, 11th December.

S.S. Lungshan 9 a.m. Sunday, 11th December. RETURN FROM MACAO. S.S. Lungshan 5 p.m. S.S. Sui An 6.30 p.m.

By Order, S. W. CHENG, Secretary.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE. 8.30 p.m. to 12 Midnight.

\$2.50 Per Person. Booking can now be made at the Hotel.

THEATRE ROYAL

DECEMBER 9, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 17, at 9 p.m. Sharp.

MATINEE: Wednesday, December 14, at 4.30 p.m.

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Booking at Anderson's.

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NOTICES.

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ALL MEMBERS are specially requested to attend a Combined Special Meeting to be held at the Guilds' Offices, 67 Des Vœux Road, Central, (entrance in Pottinger Street), on SUNDAY, 4th December, at 10.30 a.m.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR begins December 18th. Entrance Examination for New Students, MONDAY, December 12th at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus, for Boarders and Day-boys, apply ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Prospect Place, Hong Kong, 26th November, 1927.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, at 3.15 p.m.

Admission to Public Enclosure \$1.00. Ladies Free. Admission to Subscriber's Enclosure on production of badge only.

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Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Building.

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HONG KONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SECOND TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 3rd December, at 9.15 p.m.

at THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS: 15 Round Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony.

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One of the largest collections of toys seen at any one bazaar will be on view, over 7,000 toys and articles of a useful and seasonable nature, having been specially imported from Europe and America; and it is expected that every stall will present a very attractive appearance.

There will be stalls to suit all pockets, from ten cents to \$5. Another attractive stall will be again the popular farmyard, stocked with home-raised turkeys, sucking pigs, geese etc.

Motor Car Draw. The big feature of the fete will be of course, the draw for the Erskine four-seater, which will take place at 10.30. Lieutenant Mott and Messrs. M. D. G. Hoare, H. Ammann, Leung Tung-cheung, L. A. Barton, Fred Xavier, and H. Hendrikson, will act as scrutineers of this draw.

Another special feature of this year will be a "surprise cake" with 500 slices, every slice with a prize, and amongst the prizes there will be diamond rings, wedding rings, brooches, charms, gold and silver coins, etc.

In the evening the ground will be brilliantly illuminated. The Hong Kong Hotel Garage is providing a special motor-bus service from the Star Ferry pier to the Cathedral from 3 p.m. the fare being 20 cents each way.

Display of "Magic." A new attraction this year will be a variety concert of songs, jugglery, plate tricks, fire tricks, boxing and acrobatics, by Miss Chi Kuk-chai—the daughter of the famous Magician, Chi Lin-fu, and her troupe, who are on their way to Sydney and who have kindly volunteered whilst in the Colony to help the Society in their good cause.

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The programmes of music will be as follows:—Conductor—Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M.

Afternoon Programme from 3 to 5 o'clock.

1.—March of the Poors from Iolanthe—Sullivan.

2.—Overture "Tancredi"—Rossini.

3.—a. Gavotte "Mignon"—Thomas. b. Serenade "La Paloma"—Zradler.

4.—Selection "The Desert Song"—Romberg.

5.—"Echo des Bastions"—Koing.

6.—Three Dances to "Henry VIII" German.

7.—Selection "Faust"—Gounod.

8.—Intermezzo "Baby's Sweetheart"—Corri.

9.—Suite "Ballet Egyptien"—Lince.

10.—"The Niggers' Birthday"—Lince.

Evening Programme from 8.30 to 11 p.m.

1.—March Past from "Tannhauser"—Wagner.

2.—Chinese Suite "The Feast of Lanterns"—Glover.

3.—Selection "Yeomen of the Guard"—Sullivan.

4.—Peccolo Solo "The Deep Blue Sea"—Brewer.

5.—a. Serenade "O Solo Mio"—Di Capua. b. Intermezzo "Aisha"—Lind-say.

6.—The Entry of the Gods into Valhalla—Wagner.

7.—Selection "Rose Marie"—Frime.

8.—Excerpts a. "The Angelus"—Masseenet. b. "Czarada Zambaki"—Gunga.

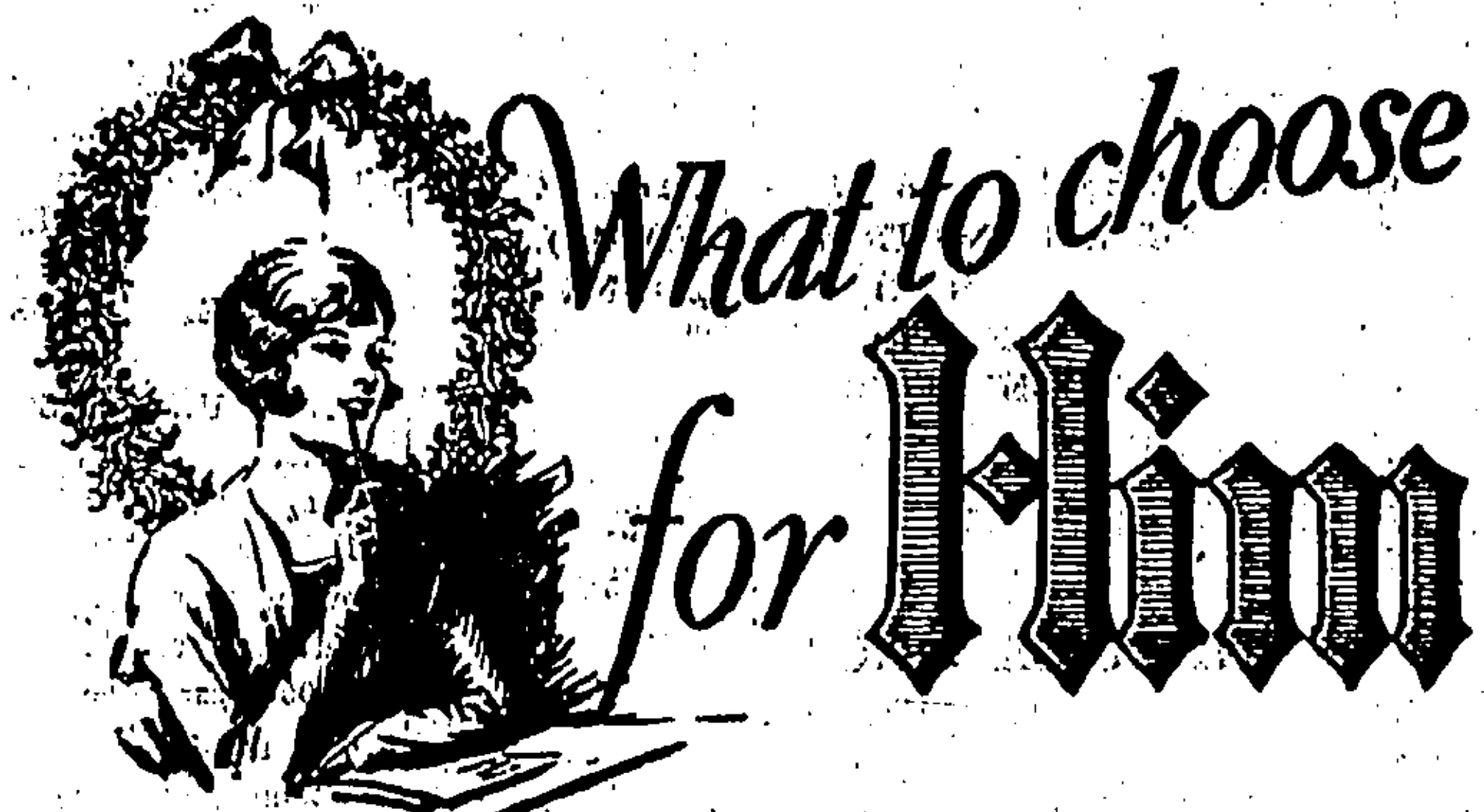
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December 4, 1927. 2nd Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion (8 a.m.) Children's Service (10 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannell. Subject: "Thy Kingdom Come." Holy Communion (12 noon). Evensong (6 p.m.)

Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Molye. Subject: "Christ and the Scriptures."

Tuesday, Dec. 6.—C.E.M.S. Address by Rev. A. D. Stewart, on "Christ the Politician," 6 p.m. Wednesday.—Evensong 6 p.m. Thursday.—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.

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Let them not think of old age as merely the beginning of dissolution. They ought to consider that each period of life had its own value and beauty. Childhood was not merely a preparation for manhood, nor old age a preparation for death. The rich colours were as beautiful and as bright in autumn as the delicate greens in spring. No one should be very hard on the natural weakness of wishing to appear young as long as possible; but it was a weakness. There was no surer way of losing the respect of the younger generation than for old people to make pretence of belonging to it themselves.

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Seventy-two aeroplanes are carried in the spacious hangars below deck, varying from tiny one-seater fighters to heavy bombers and torpedo planes, with a crew of three men. Aeroplanes are brought up from the hold to the flight deck by storeyed lifts. Single machines can be flown off by means of a catapult, regardless of the direction of the wind. The ship will be manned by a crew of 1,200, but, in addition, she will have about 250 aviation ranks and ratings, so that the total complement will be 1,450. So extensive and elaborately fitted are the workshops in the lower compartments, that they could, it is stated, build any type of aeroplane, complete with its motors.

Not content with making the "Saratoga" the world's greatest floating aerodrome, the American designers have contrived to endow her with powerful fighting qualities of her own. The hull is heavily armoured against gunfire and anti-torpedo bulges of the British pattern are fitted along the greater part of the waterline. Eight 8-in. guns with a range of twelve miles are mounted in twin turrets. There are also twelve 5-in. anti-aircraft guns and four torpedo tubes. The "Saratoga" is therefore armed more heavily than a modern cruiser of the "County" class. Her consort, the "Lexington," is to be ready in January.

American naval opinion as a whole is hostile to these ships on account of their prodigious size, vulnerability, and cost. By the time she is commissioned the "Saratoga" will have cost £10,000,000, a sum which would have paid for four or five of the largest cruisers. A Washington service journal says that "the huge size of the two new carriers will be a serious handicap to their efficiency. So valuable and vulnerable are they that the mere question of protecting them in warfare presents a grave problem."

LOSS OF LIFE.

MORE DETAILS OF BOMBAY CYCLONE.

Bombay, Nov. 15.

According to the reports coming through, the storm which passed over the Bombay coast on Saturday was responsible for a big loss of life at sea.

The Bombay Co-operative Navigation Company's 290-ton coastal passenger steamer, "Tukaram," which left Bombay on Saturday morning, encountered heavy seas and while returning to port foundered suddenly, due to a strong cyclone which she ran into 60 miles off Bombay, in 42 feet of water.

She was carrying 82 passengers and the crew comprised 54.

A search steamer, which was sent out, returned early this morning. She brought back only 18 passengers and members of the crew, and reported that dead bodies were washed up on the coast and the ship was found sunk in 42 feet of water, seven miles off the port of Hareeshwar, on the coast.

Little hope is entertained of more survivors being found.

S.S. "Jayanti's" Fate?

Another steamer, the "Jayanti," belonging to the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, sailed on Saturday morning at the same time for Dabol and another port on the West Coast, with passengers and crew numbering over 100.

She is now three days overdue and has not been heard of since her departure.

It is feared that the steamer met the same fate as the "Tukaram," or has been driven out to sea.

A vigorous search is being made. Great consternation prevails among the friends and relatives of the passengers and anxious enquiries are being made.

Survivors' Story.

Bombay, Nov. 15.

Further details of the "Tukaram" disaster give the casualties as 128.

The passengers were all Indians, Hindus and Moslems.

Another coastal steamer, the "Jayanti," which left Bombay on Saturday morning for Dabol, 90 miles south of Bombay, is still missing.

The search vessel "Rupavati" returned this morning without news of the missing vessel.

The "Rupavati's" captain reported that he found the wreckage of the "Tukaram" and a large number of bodies.

Another boat, the "Kamalavati," has been sent to search for the "Jayanti."

The wreck of the "Tukaram" was found 60 miles south of Bombay.

Corpses Identified.

The corpses of the captain and chief officer have been identified.

Five survivors were brought back to Bombay to-day.

Interviewed, they said that the boat was returning to Bombay on Saturday evening, and at seven o'clock a huge wave struck her violently and she tilted dangerously.

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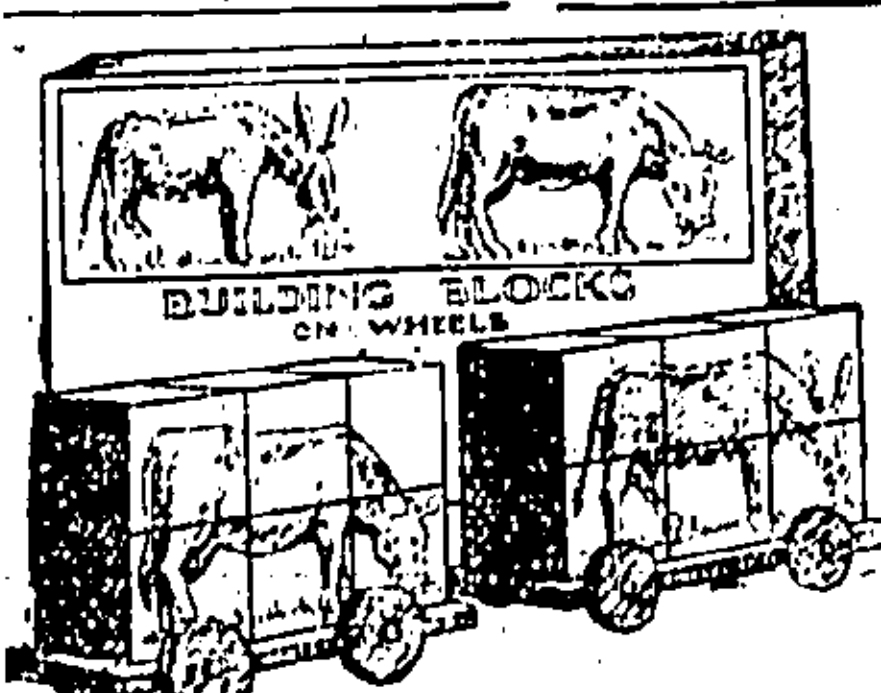
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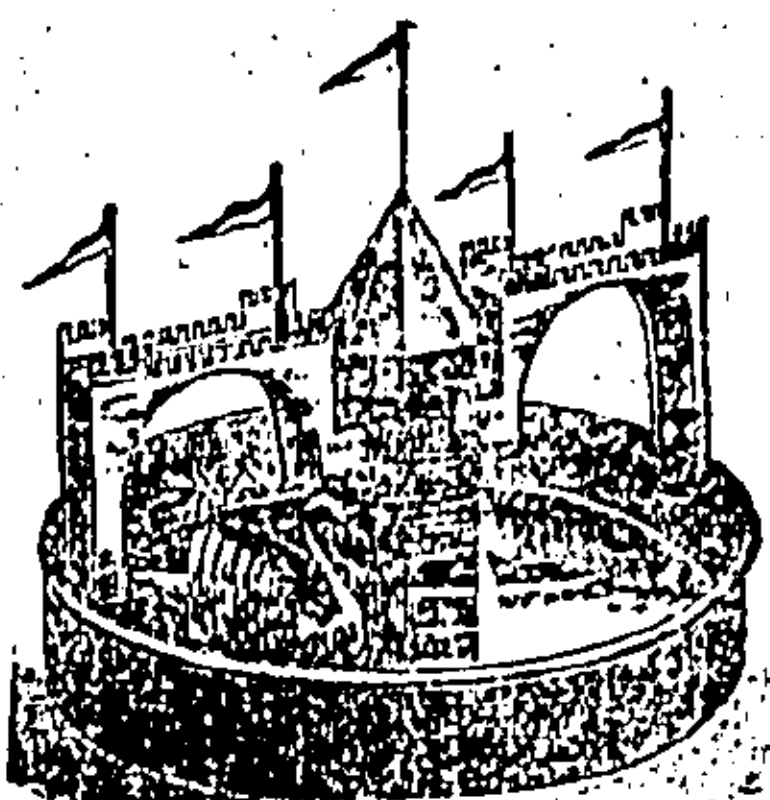
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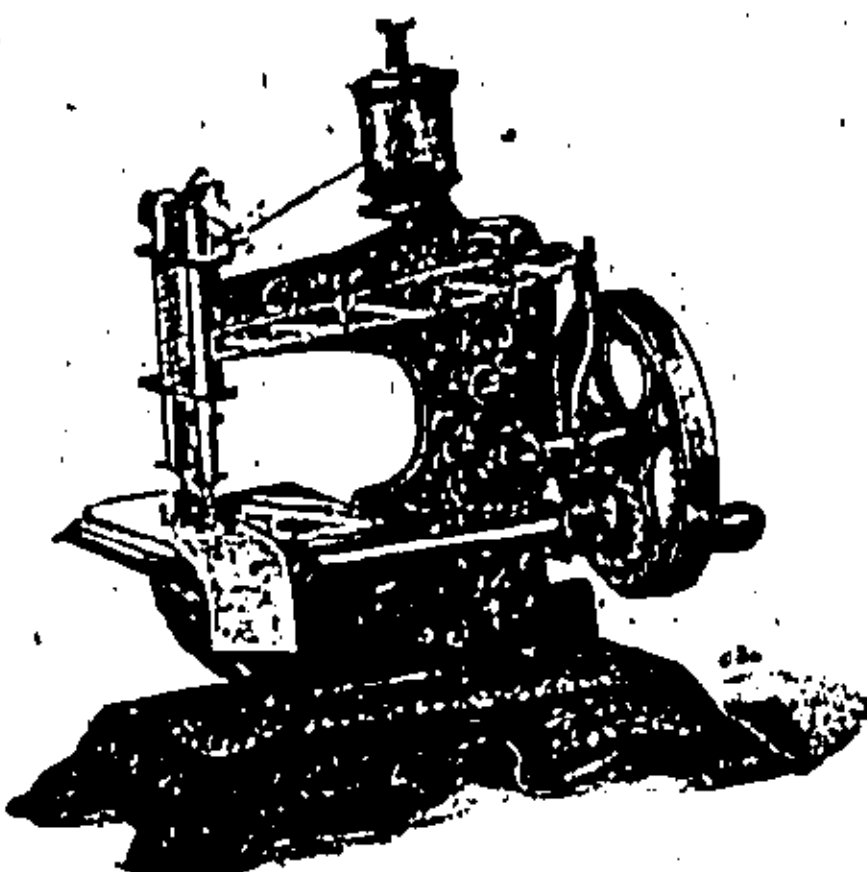
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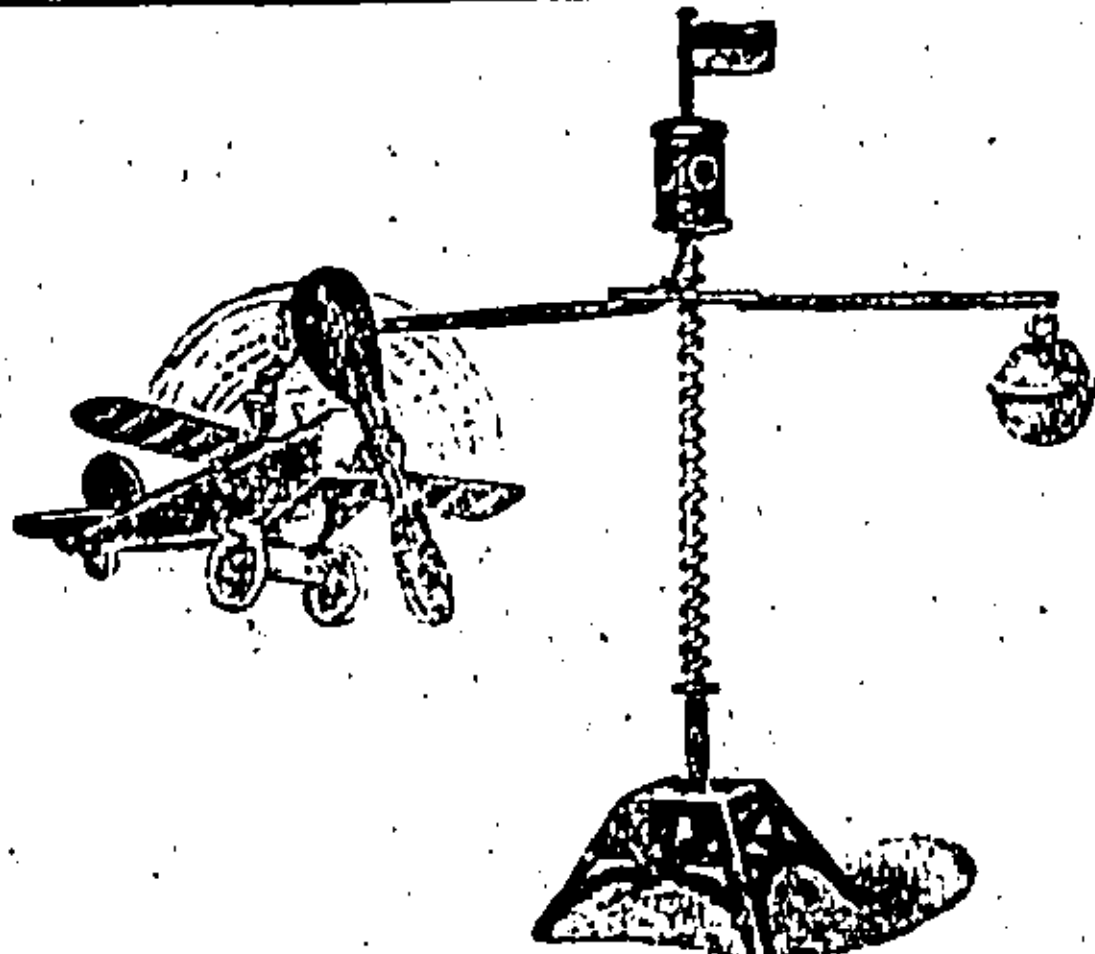
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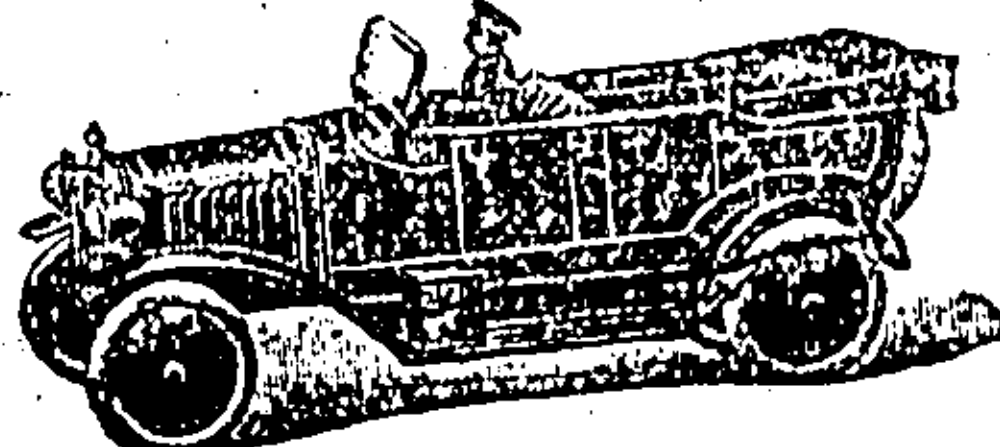


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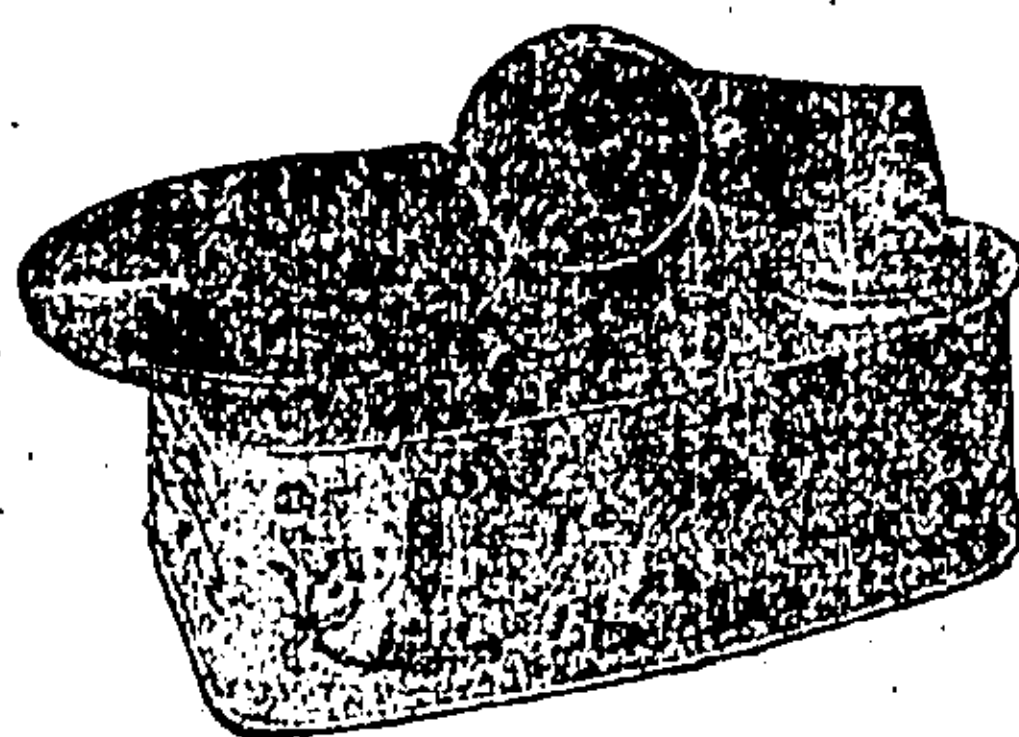
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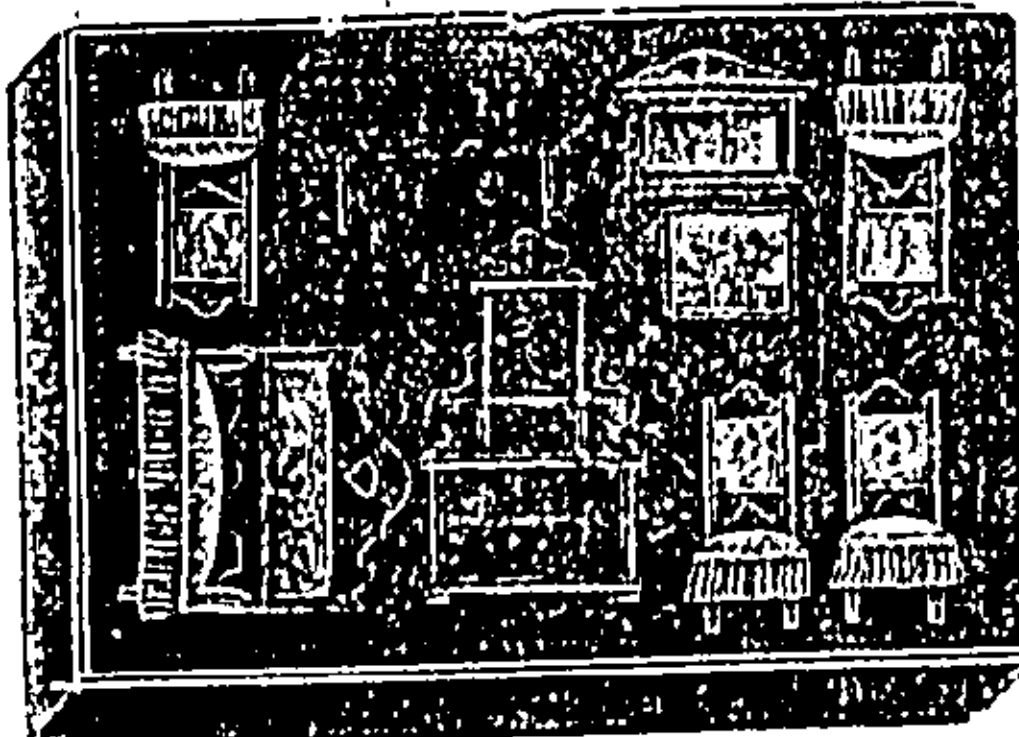
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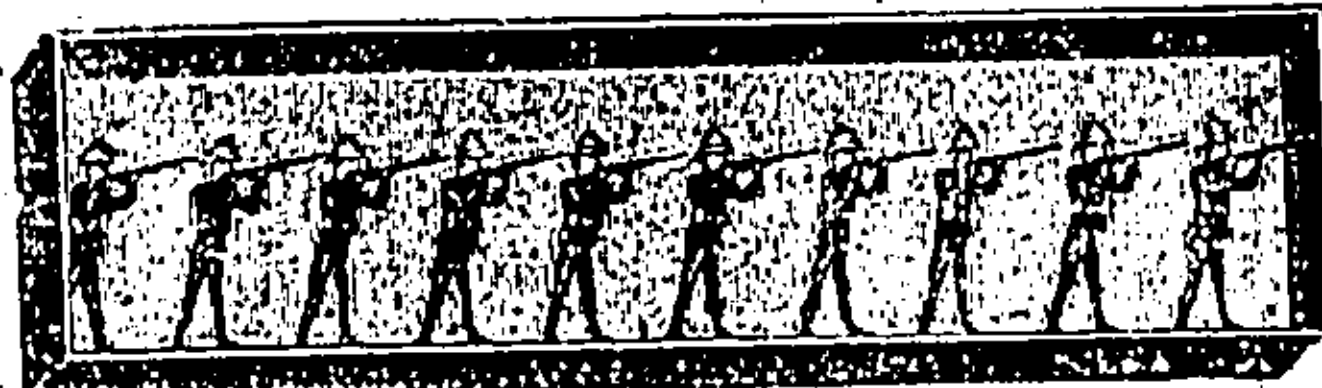
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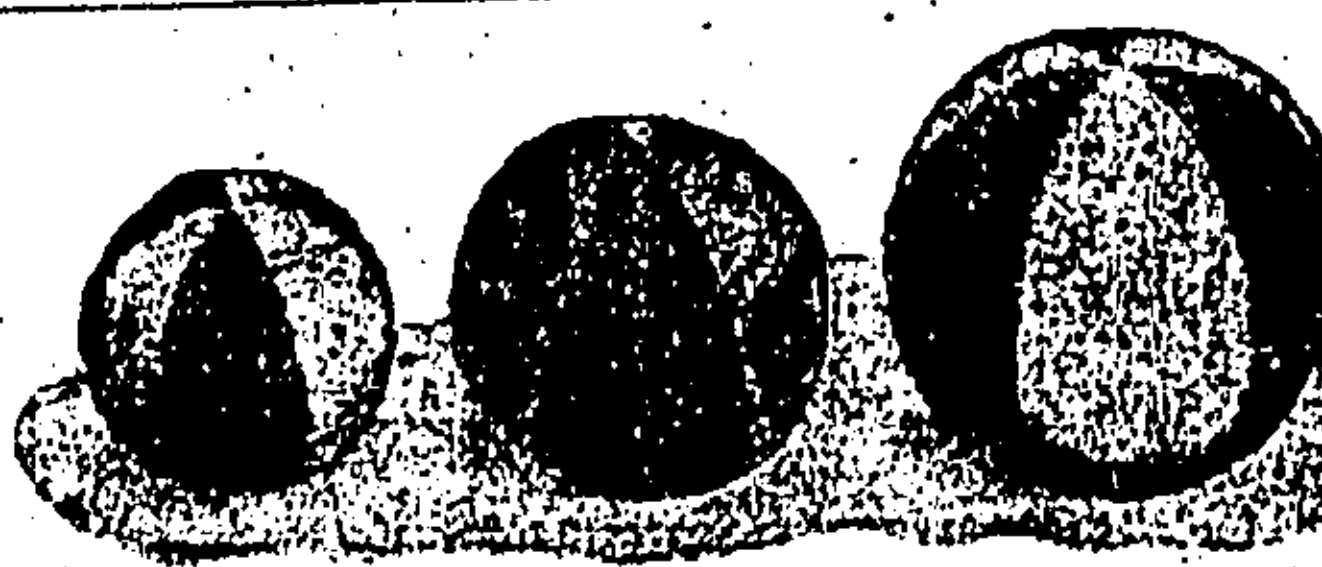
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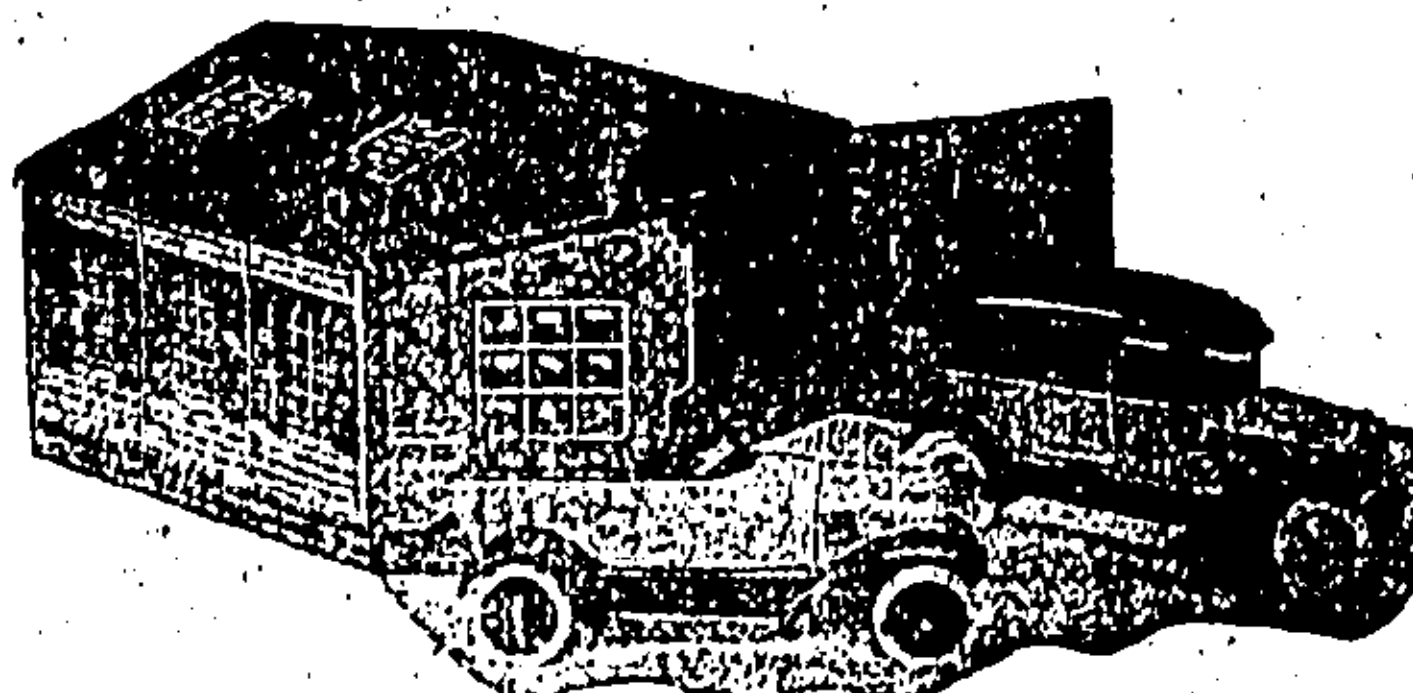
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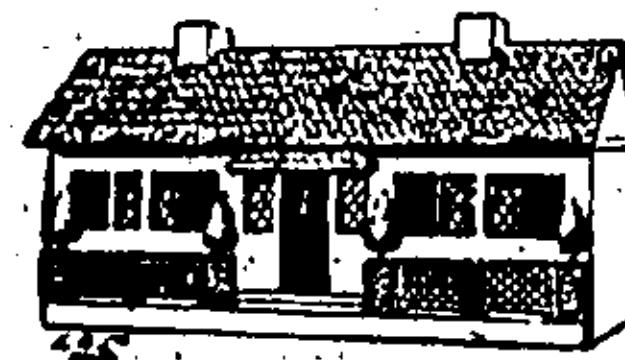


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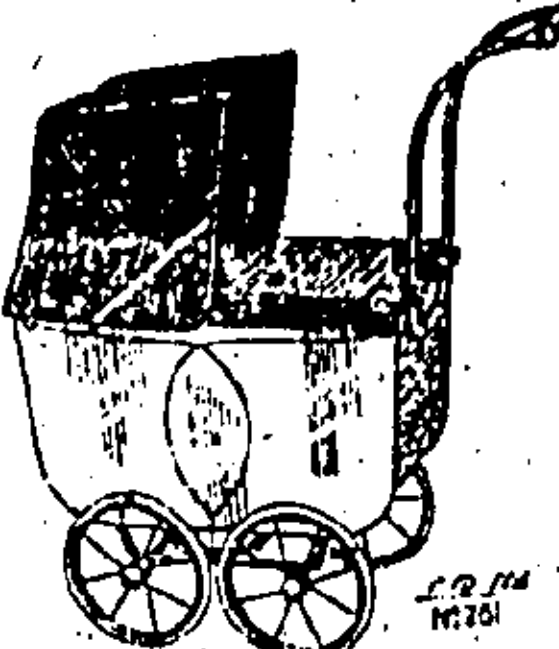
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Tinker Toy.
Tinker Toy. The wonderful builder. The wooden spoons and rods contained in the package will construct a thousand different marvellous moving figures.

Price \$2.75.



Dolls Prams.
Strongly made and exact to scale. Well painted. Rubber tyred wheels.

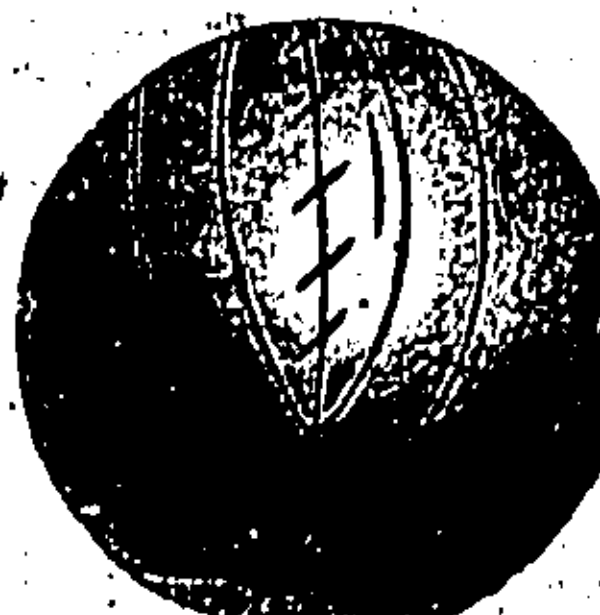
\$9.50 to \$39.50.

DRUMS.



Drums.
Good strong make. Well made.

Size	Price
4½"	\$1.00
5"	1.50
7"	2.00
8"	2.50



Boys Footballs.

Boys' leather footballs complete with bladders. English make.

Size	Price
Size 2	\$3.50
Size 3	\$3.95
Size 4	\$4.95
Size 5	\$7.50

A LARGE SELECTION OF THE LATEST GAMES.
SHOP EARLY AT WHITEAWAYS.

SPORTS

THE M.C.C. TOUR.

MATCH WITH NATAL LEFT DRAWN.

NO PLAY ON THIRD DAY.

Maritzburg, Yesterday. The M.C.C. team touring South Africa drew with Natal. Rain fell overnight, preventing play to-day (the third day). Scores were:—
Natal, (1st innings) 171 runs. Astill, the Leicester all-round professional, took 5 wickets for 38 runs.
M.C.C. (1st innings) 333 runs. Tyldesley (E.) of Lancashire claimed 161 of the total.—Reuter.

LOCAL BOXING.

ADDITIONAL BOUT FOR TO-NIGHT.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

In addition to the events already arranged for the tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association at the Theatre Royal to-night, there will be a 6 rounds bout at the light-weight limit between Able Seaman Combes of H.M.S. "Wivern" and Leading Seaman Hall of H.M.S. "Titania".
Next week, the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers is to engage with H.M.S. "Argus" in a team tournament.
Duncan Coming Back.
On February 15, there will be a tournament open to units in the China Command with a silver cup for the unit gaining the highest points.
Corporal Donald Duncan, Royal Marines, is expected back in Hong Kong in about ten days' time, after having made himself a favourite—and a terror—at Shanghai. He is likely to be seen under the auspices of the Boxing Association.

KOSBIES' WINNERS.

Regimental Tournament Results—Last Night.

In the open-air ring at Murray Barracks last night, the regimental tournament of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers was held before a large number of spectators which included civilians and ladies. Each bout was of the usual three rounds, under Service rules.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., the officer commanding, gave away the prizes at the close and thanked Lt. J. D. Welch and his committee for making the arrangements.
Officials were:—Major Campbell, R.A.M.C., referee; Lt. J. G. Shillington, Lt. L. M. Ker, Lt. J. D. Welch, all of the K.O.S.B.; judges; Lt. J. Scott-Elliott, timekeeper; R.S.M. Parkinson, announcer.
Besides the O.C., most of the Battalion officers were present. Results follow. Victories other than on a points' verdict are specified, except where the bout has been stopped. In the case of the latter, the designation is different from those used for knock-outs.

The Results.
Pte. Gordon, B Co., 138½ lbs. beat Pte. Long, C Co., 136½ lbs.
Sgt. Seaman, A Co., 146 lbs. beat Pte. Champelovier, 142 lbs., in the 2nd round.
Pte. McGuire, D Co., 125½ lbs., knocked out Pte. Porter, B Co., 126½ lbs. in the 1st round.
Pte. Spalding, C Co., 151 lbs. beat Lee, Cpl. Jenkins, Headquarters Wing, 150 lbs.
Boy Murphy, Hdqrs., 121 lbs. beat Boy Cox, Hdqrs., 120 lbs.
Pte. Scarborough, E Co., 152 lbs. beat Lee, Cpl. Dawson, D Co., 149 lbs. (disqualified in the 1st round).
Pte. Lenahan, B Co., 120 lbs. beat Pte. Riddell, D Co., 125½ lbs. in the 1st round.
Pte. Wall, C Co., 130 lbs. beat Pte. Clark, D Co., 132½ lbs.
Pte. Stevens, C Co., 122½ lbs. beat Pte. Hazeltine, Hdqrs., 132 lbs.
Pte. Boyer, C Co., 136 lbs. beat Pte. Murray, Hdqrs., 135 lbs.
Lee, Cpl. Frame, C Co., 156½ lbs. beat Pte. Woolley, A Co., 157 lbs. the loser being complimented by the referee.
Pte. Gardner, D Co., 136½ lbs. knocked out Pte. Macartney, C Co., 133 lbs. in the 3rd round.
Pte. Martin, C Co., 125 lbs. drew with Pte. Byrne, Hdqrs., 140 lbs. the latter taking the place of Pte. Taylor who was medically unfit.
Pte. Corney, C Co., 145 lbs. knocked out Corpl. McGill, B Co., 140½ lbs. in the 1st round.
Pte. Higgs, Hdqrs., 128 lbs. drew with Lee, Cpl. Armet, B Co., 131½ lbs.

BEATEN BY ERROR.

HONG KONG-MANILA AT CHESS.

An error in transmission defeated both Hong Kong and Manila in the chess match by radio.
C. M. Sequiera (the champion) represented Hong Kong and Adolpho Gutierrez was Manila's selection.
The game had lasted nine hours when a dispute arose over Hong Kong's 44th move, Manila refusing to acknowledge the error.

AN ANNUAL EVENT.

YACHT RACE AND BOWLS MATCH.

ROSE AGAINST THISTLE.

St. George's Society and St. Andrew's Society will play off one of their annual contests to-morrow. This is in connection with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the teams being:—
St. George's:—C. G. Alabaster (President), N. V. H. Croucher, C. L. Edwards, H. J. Pearce, H. S. Rouse, F. G. Vaux.
St. Andrew's:—D. Templeton (President), R. M. Jack, Dr. F. Nicholson, A. Ritchie, Lt. Scott-Elliott, A. L. Shields.
Yachts will be drawn for and the teams change over for the afternoon race. The start in the morning is at 11 o'clock, the course being from the Club to Channel Rocks (north), Kowloon Rock (p), mark on Club line (astboard), Club Rock buoy (s), finish at the Club—distance 5½ miles.
Lawn Bowls Teams.
A lawn bowls match will also be played at the Yacht Club the teams being:—
St. George's:—Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A. Murdoch, W. A. Dowley, J. McLay, E. B. C. Hornell, E. L. Sim, E. W. Carpenter, G. M. Shaw (skip).
St. Andrew's:—W. Adamson (skip), K. E. Grieg, J. W. C. Bonnar, L. J. Davies, W. Macfarlane (skip).
R. R. Reed, A. Cameron, J. W. Bentley, A. Stevenson, Hon. M. W. T. F. Sandes, Southern, W. Russell (skip).
G. R. Edwards (skip).

CRICKET.

SUTCLIFFE'S APPOINTMENT FOR YORKSHIRE.

Bombay, Nov. 4.
There was a strong admixture of sportsmen among the arrivals by today's mail steamer. There were four county cricketers, Roy Hillier, Maurice Leyland and A. Dolphin (Yorkshire), and George Brown, the Hampshire all-rounder, who are en route to Patiala as coaches.
Sutcliffe's appointment to the captaincy of the Yorkshire Club was the subject of surprised comment by all four.
The Yorkshiremen each had his own characteristic way of expressing disapproval.
Dolphin only regretted that Yorkshire was not to have an amateur skipper, while Leyland, though he deplored the appointment, philosophically observed: "It is cricket itself which counts, not so much whether a professional or an amateur is captain. As for myself it does not matter who is captain, I shall still continue to play my best, and I know all the other members of the team will support Herbert Sutcliffe to the utmost."

"What does it matter?" was the care-free comment of Brown, who thought that whether the captain was a junior or senior member of the team did not matter. It was his ability to shoulder responsibility which mattered. Why should not a professional make as good a captain as an amateur?
The "Daily News" in a leader says the appointment surprises but

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

FANLING COMPETITION.

9.25 a.m. Captain I. D. Erskine and K. S. Robertson.
9.30 " T. D. E. Pendered and L. R. Andrews.
9.35 " G. Murray and W. Ironside.
9.40 " L. G. S. Dodwell and Lt. Comdr. Brown.
9.45 " Capt. H. Bloxham and R. M. Smith.
9.50 " C. C. Strick and A. E. Lissaman.
10.00 " H. G. Sheldon and T. S. Whyte-Smith.
10.04 " E. Davidson and E. R. Grayburn & Hegarty, Lynch & Stevenson.
10.12 " D. L. McWhirter and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.16 " D. M. Goodall and A. R. Cox.
10.20 " H. Graves and J. Fleming.
10.24 " F. A. Perry and A. P. Bungey.
10.28 " B. P. McMahon and F. G. Fowle.
10.32 " R. P. Moodie and J. H. Raikes.
10.36 " H. Spicer and J. Thayer.
10.40 " W. K. Tait and J. Cameron.
10.44 " R. A. Green and H. A. Mills.
10.48 " C. B. Robertson and A. A. Brown.
10.52 " H. M. Muir and J. F. Kennedy.
10.56 " W. C. Clark and T. Low.
11.00 " A. C. I. Bowker and M. Murray.
11.04 " C. B. Brown and S. T. Butlin.
11.08 " A. Humphreys and A. K. Henderson.
11.12 " N. L. Procter and T. A. Martin.
11.16 " A. Leach and A. Sommerfeldt.
11.20 " J. Smith and T. C. Monaghan.
11.24 " H. R. Sturt and A. J. Frank.
11.28 " W. A. Butterfield and J. W. Platt.

OUR SOCCER RULERS.

Two decisions by the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association, to deal with infringements alleged, have been announced as follows:—
Kicking an opponent: Ariett (Royal Air Force), suspended from October 19 to December 8, 1927.
Striking an opponent: Spalding (2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.), suspended for three months from Dec. 1, 1927.

thrills cricket lovers all over the country and should finally demolish an antiquated prejudice for the good of the game.
London, Nov. 19.
At a meeting at Lords the Counties agreed as to the times of play during the forthcoming season, thus: From 11.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on the first and second days of a match, and 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the third day with an extra half-hour if necessary to finish the game.
The practice of covering the wickets will be continued.
Lancashire, last season's champions, withdrew their proposition favouring scoring by points.—"S.F.P."

POLISH PLOTS?

LITHUANIA'S FRESH ALLEGATIONS.

FRONTIER ALARM.

London, Yesterday.
Another long Note has been addressed to the Secretary of the League of Nations by M. Valdemaras, Premier of Lithuania, alleging that more revolutionary plots against the Lithuanian Government are being hatched in Poland by Lithuanian political refugees with the cognisance of Marshal Pilsudski.
A Warsaw message says that a long statement in connection with the "State of war undertaken by Lithuania" has been issued by Pilsudski. It describes the Polish-Lithuanian frontier as a source of alarm and anxiety where no ordinary work is possible except under arms. "For years past one brother has been unable to see another, nor a mother from her death bed address a farewell to her children. The most urgent news arrives weeks late," Pilsudski suggests that Vladimir is "irresponsible" and produced "arguments worthy of a madhouse."—Reuter.

AIR MAILS.

LETTERS FROM HONG KONG FOR AMERICA.

The following regulation has been made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council:—
The air mail fees applicable to letters from Hong Kong for transmission by the United States air mail service, regardless of distance or route, will be 20 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof. This fee is in addition to the regular postage.

VISAS TO GO.

MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH GERMANY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
An official announcement that an agreement has been reached with Germany for the mutual abolition of visas is expected within the next few days.—British Wireless Service.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

GENERAL DAVES NOT TO STAND.

Washington, Yesterday.
General Daves reiterated at the White House that he will not stand for the Presidency, and said that he favoured the nomination of Mr. Lowden, ex-Governor of Illinois.—Reuter's American Service.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

VISCOUNT CHILSTON FOR COPENHAGEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Viscount Chilston, the British Minister at Vienna, has been appointed Minister at Copenhagen and Mr. Sperling, Minister at Berne, has been appointed Minister at Sofia.—Reuter.

RIVAL FACTIONS.

NATIONALIST GENERALS IN OPPOSITION.

AN ARMY WIPED OUT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It has leaked out that during a battle at Fengyang in Anhui on Nov. 12, General Pei Chung-hsi's 9th Army fell back suddenly, resulting in one division of General Ho Ying-ching's 1st Army being surrounded by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's Northern troops and being nearly annihilated.
General Ho Ying-ching subsequently severely reprimanded Commander Ku Tso-dong and dismissed and punished a number of officers of the 9th Army.
Friction Increasing.
The incident has increased the friction and jealousy between these two Nanking Nationalist (Pei Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-ching) Generals which recently was further intensified by General Ho Ying-ching's proposal to abolish the Nanking Military Council in which General Pei Chung-hsi is a leading figure.
It is understood that General Pei Chung-hsi, on a recent visit to Hankow, received assurances of General Li Tsung-jen's support, which is borne out by the appearance of articles in the Chinese Press and in posters at Hankow denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei as a "national traitor".

Strengths Compared.
General Pei Chung-hsi at present commands 20,000 troops distributed in Nanking, Shanghai and Sungkiang, while General Ho Ying-ching has 8,000 at Hangchow and 70,000 north of the Yangtze River.
Li Tsung-jen, Pei Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-ching are at present in Shanghai for the plenary session of Dec. 4, which is growing more interesting daily.—Reuter.
[Note: Ho Ying-ching is a pro-Chiang Kai-shek diehard and therefore a supporter of the ex-Generalissimo's alliance with Mr. Wang Ching-wei. Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen are leaders of the Kwangsi military faction which includes General Li Chai-sum of Canton (now at Shanghai) and General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi.]

DRAWING.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

LIST OF PASSES.

The results of the examination held by the Royal Drawing Society at the Central British School, Kowloon, are now to hand, and they are of a most satisfactory nature. G. W. Arnold is awarded a prize for "Illustration," this being one of the four prizes awarded by the Society to Schools throughout the Empire. The Central British School is to be congratulated on this, and on the results generally. The results, summarised, are as follows:—
Full Certificates.—Three.
Div. VI.—Two Honours.
Div. V.—Three Honours and one Pass.
Div. IV.—Five Honours and six Passes.
Div. III.—Eleven Honours and eleven Passes.
Div. II.—Fourteen Honours and twelve Passes.
Div. I.—Eleven Honours and twelve Passes.
The successes registered in the examination were as under:—
Overseas Prizes 1927.—Div. VI, G. W. Arnold (Illustration).
Completed Full Certificates.—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley and R. Woolley.
Honours and/or Passes.—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley, J. Black, H. Brown, M. Bryson, G. Carr, S. MacNider, A. Maycock, A. Ursell, R. Woolley, D. Dransfield, J. Lyson, E. McCubbin, E. MacNider, E. Moses, E. Butler, R. Forster, Y. Leckovich, Y. Langley, G. McCally, U. Mitchell, J. Whyte, B. Woods, C. Aris, L. Allen, F. Burrage, C. Dixon, L. Falla, T. Ingram, A. Millar, R. Marshall, J. McCubbin, M. Taylor, R. Tobin, N. Andrews, E. Wilsheve, J. Faison, A. Chester, R. Sutter, K. Chester, J. Croxson, R. Hail, A. Harvey, A. McCubbin, I. Woolley, M. Bach, L. Carr, K. Glendinning, N. Moss, J. Muirhead, G. Speirs, H. Muirhead, J. Thirwell, J. Millar, R. Blyth, D. Dixon, M. Wiltchell, J. Black, E. Blyth, M. Dunley, J. Tobin, F. Wiltshire, M. Clarke, W. Docherty, R. Ingram, B. Leckovich, G. MacNellie, M. Yalland, A. Falla, A. Macfarlane, C. Bryson, J. Bryson, J. Chubb, E. Dove, P. Mooney, D. Wiltchell.

For all practical purposes of Christianity it makes no difference whether we are descended from apes or not.—The Bishop of Ripon.

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HELPS THOSE HARD COUGHS.

The danger of influenza is its tendency to develop into pleurisy and pneumonia. Stop your cold before it reaches this dangerous point and for the cough and painful, wheezy breathing, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is for sale everywhere.

"DOPE" TRAFFIC.

MALPRACTICES IN CAIRO.

ARRESTS OF ANALYSTS.

Cairo, Yesterday.
The chief chemist and a clerk have been arrested for malpractices in connection with Police seizures of drugs sent to the Public Prosecutor's office for analysis. It is alleged that the chemist substituted a harmless drug for heroin seized, thus causing the acquittal of suspected traffickers. It is believed that the chemist received large bribes. The clerk is charged with selling heroin.—Reuter.

NEW TREATY.

AFGHANISTAN AND PERSIA.

Teheran, Yesterday.
Afghanistan and Persia have signed a "three years' Treaty of friendship and security. They undertake to remain neutral if a third Power attacks either of them. The Treaty will be automatically valid for a further three years, unless denounced by either contracting party at the end of the first three years.—Reuter.

AIR STATION.

TO BE OPENED AT CROYDON THIS MONTH.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The new Croydon air station, which has been built at a cost of over £250,000, is nearing completion and will be opened this month. The feature of the station is the fifty feet control tower, from which with the aid of all the latest mechanical devices, officers will control the air traffic of the station.—Reuter's American Service.

BIG BLAZE.

WORK OF AN UNIDENTIFIED INCENDIARY.

The "Bangkok Daily Mail" of Nov. 19 reports:—
A fire, caused by the work of an unidentified incendiary, early this morning destroyed two Chinese sugar refineries, 15 rooming houses and threatened the premises of the Romani Hotel in Phra Rama IV. Road.
No one was hurt in the blaze which consumed buildings and property approximately valued at Ticals 50,000.
The blaze began in an insignificant manner, having its origin in the room of a Chinese broker, whose mysterious disappearance during the conflagration is looked upon with suspicion.
Shortly after 12.15, the flames spread rapidly, the wooden houses and ramshackle buildings offering no resistance. In no time the vicinity became a seething mass of heat and smoke, which could be seen from all parts of the city.
Police and municipal fire engines soon responded to numerous calls, but the spread of the blaze prevented quick relief work being effected. The entire engineering equipment of the Yon Seng sugar refinery was a total wreck, being little more than a mass of molten metal this morning. The place is insured for the sum of Ticals 5,000, but this will not cover the value of property destroyed by half the amount.
Residents in the neighbourhood of the fire complained that one engine company refused to assist after the main portion of the blaze had been subdued.
Many of the Chinese residents of the burned buildings exhibited pathetic faces as they stood around the smouldering ruins. Not only had they lost their personal belongings, but what to them was even more important they had lost their poll tax receipts in the fire. Now they are wondering if they will have to repay them, or be taken to the confines of the Lumpini to work.

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MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank wire 2/- 1/4
Bank on demand 2/- 5/16
Bank 30 days' sight
Bank 4 months' sight 2/- 1/4
Credits 4 months' sight 2/1 1/4
Documentary 4 months' sight 2/1 1/4

On Paris—

On demand 1250
Credits 4 months' sight 1325

On Berlin—

On demand
On New York—

On demand 49%
Credits 60 days' sight 51

On Bombay—

Wire 134 1/4
On demand 134 1/4

On Calcutta—

Wire 134 1/4
On demand 134 1/4

On Singapore—

On demand 87

On Manila—

On demand 99 1/4

On Shanghai—

On demand nom.

30 day's sight (private paper)—

On Yokohama 107

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tole)—

Sovereigns (Bank's) 9.55

On demand 26 13/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong—

(Kong) 2% prem.

Chinese Copper Cash nom.

Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.

Rate of Native In-

terest 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 28 3/4% dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124

New York 4.88 5/32

Brussels 34.90

Geneva 25.50

Amsterdam 297 1/4

Milan 89 1/2

Berlin 20.42

Stockholm 18.08

Copenhagen 18.20

Oslo 18.34

Vienna 34.60

Prague 164 1/2

Helsingfors 193 1/4

Madrid 29.51

Lisbon 27 1/16

Athens 387 1/4

Bucharest 790

Rio 5 27/32

Buenos Aires 47 1/2

Bombay 1/6 1/32

Shanghai 2/7

Hong Kong 2/0 1/4

Yokohama 1/10 17/32

Silver Specie 26 14/16

Silver Forward 26 1/2

—British Exchange Service.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock Exchange.

T.T. on London 2/- 1/4

T.T. on Shanghai 78 1/4

Bank of China 111 3/4

Chartered Bank 120 1/2

Mercantile A. & B. 80 1/4

P. & A. Bank 113 1/4

Bank of East Asia 110

Insurance 102

Canton Insurance 54 1/2

Union Insurance 52 1/2

North China Insurance 293 1/2

Yangtze Insurance 71 1/2

China Underwriters 114 1/2

China Fire Insurance 121 1/2

H.K. Fire Insurance 800

Shipping 836

Douglases 320

H.K. Steamships 1170

H.K. Tug & Lighters 113 1/2

Indo-China (Freight) 113 1/2

do. (Def.) 113 1/2

Shell Transport 107 1/2

Water-Boats 117

Mining 2 1/2

Banquet 63 1/2

Kan Mining Ad

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1927.

MORPHIA "DEAL"?

EVIDENCE OF CABLES IN CASE.

HEARING ADJOURNED.

At the resumption of the morphia "deal" case against James Christie and Christopher Blum, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, obtained his Worship's permission to re-open the case for the prosecution to include evidence from two employees of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

This evidence, which could be described as "mysterious," was given by Mr. C. P. Marques, reviser, and Mr. F. Schnapel, assistant, both of the Telegraph Company.

Mr. Marques said, in reply to Mr. King, that on the request of the Court he produced a copy of a telegram delivered by his office. It was received on October 29 from Shanghai addressed to "George—King Edward Hotel," and delivered on November 4.

Mr. King then produced a newspaper announcing that a cable addressed to "George" was amongst the unclaimed telegrams, and said that this announcement referred to the telegram in question.

Mr. King told the Magistrate that this was a plain telegram which had no bearing on the case. It was, in fact, addressed to the Chief Officer of the s.s. "Irene." He then referred the Magistrate to the left hand corner of the telegram on which there was an initial to a printed name which he would not mention.

Mr. Lindsell said that he did not see why his attention should be drawn to it at that time.

Mr. King said that he merely wanted to show the notice which the accused gave to announcements of unclaimed telegrams in the papers.

Mr. Leask said that that was only a matter of opinion. It bore no weight at all as evidence.

Mr. King told his Worship that there was nothing to connect that name with the case. It was never mentioned.

Mr. Schnapel then went into the witness box. He said, in reply to Mr. King, that there was a cable address of "Khan Sahib" registered at his office. It was registered on November 8.

Replying to another question, the witness said that he had been searching for telegrams in the office that morning. He had paid particular attention to "forwarded messages," but he had not yet completed a search of the "received messages." So far he had not found anything touching the matters searched for.

Mr. Lindsell: The Great Northern Company has produced nothing yet?

Mr. King: No.

After consultation with Mr. Leask, Mr. King put in another telegram which he said was found amongst Christie's papers at Kowloon that morning. It had come through the Chinese Telegraph Administration, and was addressed to "Khan Sahib."

"It is in code," Mr. King said, "and I am putting it in by consent, if your Worship has no objection."

Mr. Leask inquired about the date of the telegram, and Mr. King announced that it was dated October 28.

Replying to his Worship, Mr. Leask said that he had no objection to the telegram going in. In fact, it was one which he had expected from the Great Northern, and was looking for it.

Mr. Leask also intimated that he had no question to put to Mr. Schnapel, provided that the witness would appear in Court again if further telegrams were found.

Mr. King then announced that that closed the case for the prosecution unless the Great Northern Telegraph Company produced other cables.

Mr. Lindsell said that he understood that Mr. Leask would like an adjournment.

Mr. Leask agreed. He wished for an adjournment in view of the documents which were found that morning which he had not had time to inspect in the presence of his clients. That opportunity would be afforded him that afternoon if his Worship would grant an adjournment.

Mr. Lindsell then pointed out that he would not be able to take the case again until the week after next and gave a week's formal remand until 10 a.m. on December 9, remarking that he would be prepared to hear the case again on the following Monday afternoon.

Mr. Leask intimated that he would require two full afternoons to complete his defence, and his Worship fixed the afternoons of December 12 and 13 for the hearing of the defence.

VOLUNTEER LAW.

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volunteer who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any Attendance at Enquiries.

8. Section 8 of this Ordinance adds a new section 17A to the principal Ordinance. The new section gives the Commandant power to order any officer or volunteer headquarters or else such order will be liable upon conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding \$250. It is obviously necessary to have such a power in reserve in order to insure the attendance of witness and others at courts martial and courts of inquiry, and there may be other special cases also in which the power may be required.

9. Section 20 of the principal Ordinance provides that every person who fails to deliver up any equipment which he is liable under the Ordinance or rules to deliver up shall be liable to pay to the Commandant the value of the equipment. This appears to be defective in two points. In the first place, it is arguable that the section refers only to the final delivery up by a member who is quitting the corps. In the second place, it may be important, as in the case of a rifle or revolver, that the article should be returned to store and that the member should

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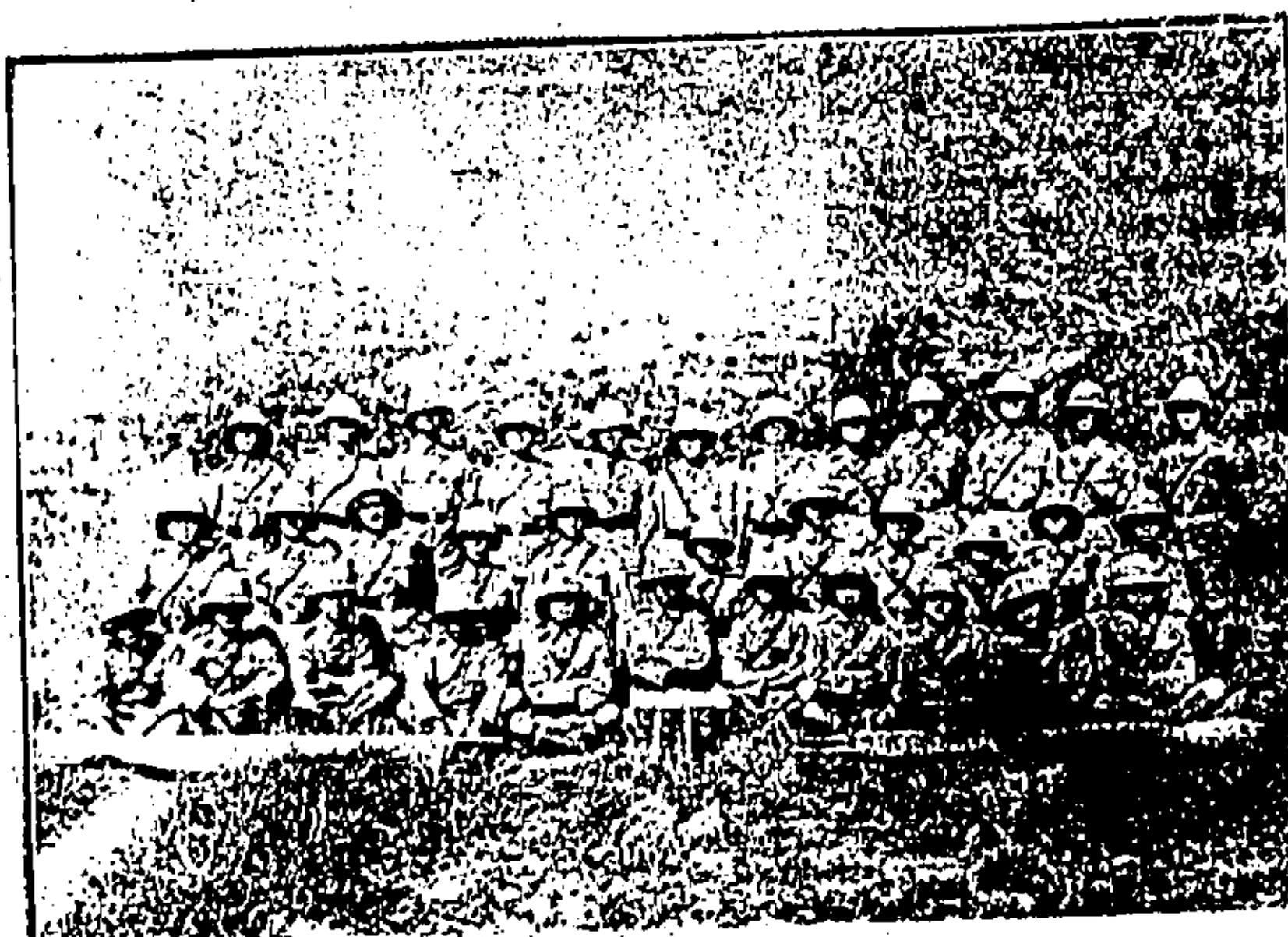
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The programme of work adopted by the Committee includes the consideration of measures to promote arbitration treaties, security agreements, and the systematic preparation of the machinery of the league with a view to enabling members to perform their obligations under the Covenant, also a study of a scheme of financial assistance for States which are threatened with aggression.—Reuter.

Moscow's "Joke."
New York, Yesterday.
There is no sympathy in the United States for M. Litvinoff's absolute disarmament, "The World" declaring that the proposal reeks of hypocrisy. For M. Litvinoff to pretend that the Soviet is run by non-resisting pacifists is a very poor joke.

The "Herald Tribune" says that Litvinoff is the spirit of the malicious inconsequence of the playboy in Moscow's unrealistic world.

The "New York Times" says the Soviet does not propose to abolish all military power. If it did how could it send out tax collectors and shoot down rebellious peasants without guns.—Reuter's American Service.



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be allowed to keep it upon paying the value. Accordingly, section 9 of this Ordinance substitutes another section which requires actual delivery up of the article, and it makes it clear that the obligation applies to every case where a member of a corps is under an obligation to return any equipment, either permanently or temporarily. The sanction is a fine not exceeding \$250, to be imposed by a magistrate.

10. Section 26 of the principal Ordinance requires every officer and volunteer to take the oath, or make the declaration, of allegiance. It is not intended to require members of the auxiliary units to do this, except when they are called up for actual military service. This will be provided in the regulations. Section 10 of this Ordinance, accordingly, makes the general obligation to take the oath, or make the declaration, subject to any regulations relating to members of auxiliary units. It also enables the oath or declaration of allegiance to be taken or made before the Adjutant, or before any officer of His Majesty's regular forces attached to the corps. This is desirable because, speaking generally, the term "officer" in the principal Ordinance means an officer holding a volunteer commission.

A Chinese Smile.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Herbert Samuel, referring to the Russian disarmament proposals at a meeting of the London University Liberals, jocularly declared that the result of their adoption would be that some Chinese War Lord would march triumphantly across disarmed and unprotected Europe and occupy each capital in turn.—Reuter.

Lord Cecil's Views.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Lord Cecil, in an interview with a "Daily News" representative, summarily dismissed the Russian disarmament proposals as impractical. He said: "My opinion, quite shortly, is that proposals of that kind are not serious. It is quite fantastic to talk about destroying the world's armaments in four years. It is not business."—British Wireless Service.

The river boat "Kong Ning," on its way down from Wuchow to Hong Kong, came within the range of fire from Kwangsi troops on two armed launches between First Cliffs and Stanch Island but was not hit. The troops were firing at a passenger tow-boat and a fleet of lighters bound from Canton to Samshui.

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The following cable signed by Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, giving official specifications of the new Ford car was received this morning by Messrs. Andrew Harper & Son, local Ford dealers:—

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PUBLIC MONEY.

POSITION AT END OF AUGUST.

The financial statement issued by the Treasury for the month of August, 1927, is as under:—

Revenue and Expenditure.	
Balance of Assets and Liabilities on July 31, 1927	\$4,298,191.61
Revenue from August 1 to 31, 1927	1,655,497.46
Expenditure from August 1 to 31, 1927	\$5,953,689.07
Balance on August 31, 1927	\$4,273,195.69
Assets and Liabilities on August 31, 1927	
Liabilities	
Deposits not Available	\$1,593,972.26
Postal Agencies	14,980.54
Coal Account	3,306.10
Suspense Account	658,253.68
Adjustment of Exchange	375,817.67
Total Liabilities	2,646,330.15
Balance	4,273,195.69
Total	\$6,919,525.84
Assets	
Subsidiary Coins	\$1,881,597.86
Advances	532,439.98
Building Loans	1,716,473.61
Imprest	45,834.50
House Service Account	8,594.59
*Crown Agents Deposit Account	282,947.37
Unallocated Stores, (P.W.D.)	402,205.20
Unallocated Stores, (Railway)	151,213.27
Investment Account	1,208,324.42
Lorry Haulage Account	1,680.84
Balance at Banks	663,812.24
Crown Agents Current Account	24,351.96
Total	\$6,919,525.84

*Cash lent at interest £28,000.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Show."
To-day—World Theatre; "A Hero on Horseback."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Dancing Mothers."

To-day—Concert—at Diocesan Girls' School, 9 p.m.
December 4—Queen's Theatre; "The Flaming Forest."

December 4—World Theatre; "The Rainmaker."

December 4—Star Theatre; "Wet Paint."

December 5—Royal Engineers' dance, R.E. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

December 5—Demonstration at Helena May Institute on "Japanese Flower Placing," 5.30 p.m.

December 6—Queen's Theatre. "Alias the Deacon."

December 6—World Theatre; "The Black Pirate."

December 6—Star Theatre; "Manhandled."

December 8—Queen's Theatre; "Don Juan."

December 8—World Theatre; "For Heaven's Sake."

December 8—Star Theatre; "Oh! What a Nurse."

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.
To-day—Theatre Royal; Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Lammeris' Auctions.
December 5—Sundry furniture and personal effects, Sales Room, Duddell St., 11 a.m.

Land Sale.
December 5—Sale of one lot of Crown Land at Kowloon; at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meeting.
December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
December 4—Theosophical lecture at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

December 4—St. Vincent de Paul's "Al Fresco Fete," Cathedral Compound, Glenalee.

December 6—Sale of work in Helena May Institute, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 6—Free lecture on Christian Science, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

December 7—Official opening of New Territories Agricultural Show at Sheungshui, at 2.30 p.m.

December 12—St. Stephen's College begins new school year.

SNUB FOR A CLUB.

MADRAS COMMITTEE VERY INDIGNANT.

London, Oct. 23.
A severe snub has been administered to one of London's most famous clubs, the Junior Constitutional Club, by the Madras Club.

The former has proposed a scheme by which their members could enjoy the privilege of membership of certain selected clubs outside the United Kingdom, but not on a reciprocal basis.

The Madras Club in reply is reported to have declared that their committee would regard it as incumbent on them most strictly to scrutinise the candidature of any gentleman whose sole credential was a membership of a club which had seen it fit to offer such a gratuitous insult to a club which they had the honour to represent.

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No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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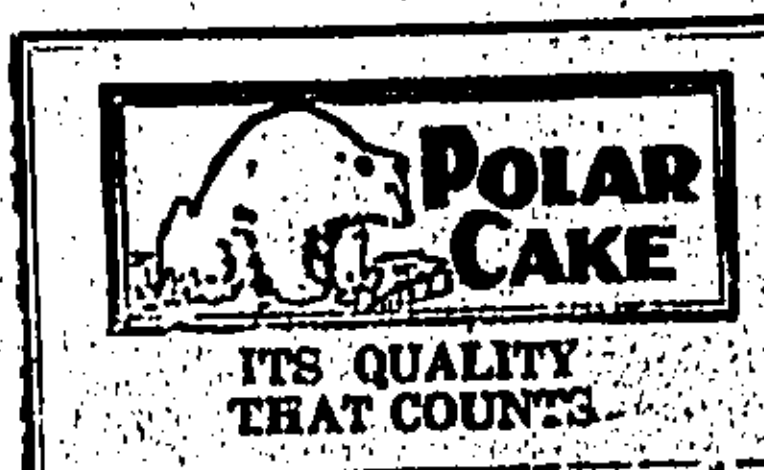
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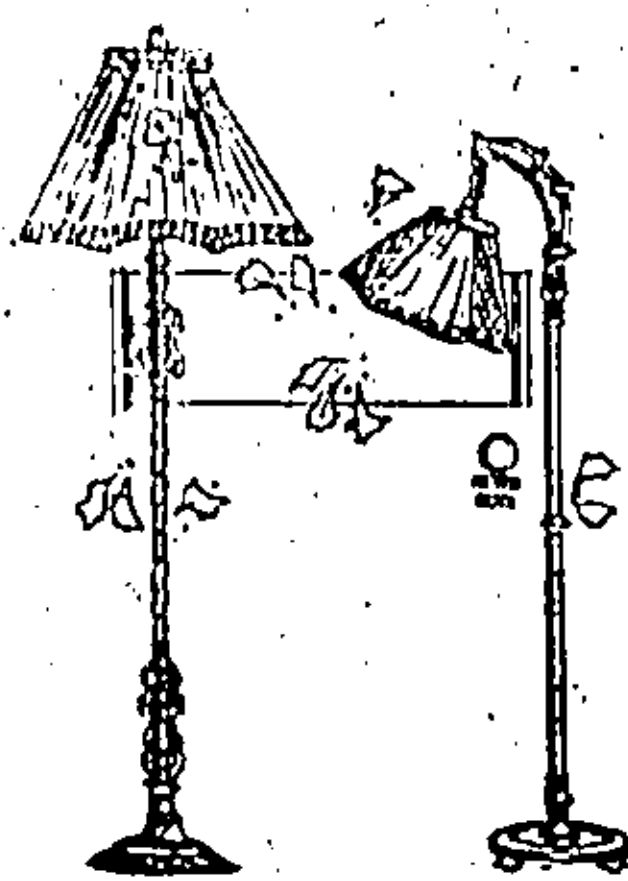
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A battle-axe has been found during road excavations a few yards from the spot where King Harold planted his standard at the Battle of Hasting.

H.E. Sir Hugh Clifford appeals to Malays in the F.M.S., in his annual address to Council, not to encourage the eating of polished rice owing to its serious disposition to cause beri-beri.

Mr. Norman McLean, senior tutor of Christ's College, Cambridge, who was appointed master in succession to the late Sir Arthur Shipley, is the second Scotsman to become head of a Cambridge college within two weeks.

Calcutta, Nov. 10.—Advices have been received from London that Sir David Yule and Sir Thomas Catto have purchased a controlling interest in "The Statesman" from the Knight Brothers. This gives them a hold on "The Englishman."

Washington, Nov. 23.—Major General Mason M. Patrick, army air chief, expressed a belief in his annual report to-day that expansion of the army air corps would be recognised as necessary even before the present five-year programme has been completed.

Rangoon, November 15.—The Governor, Sir Harcourt Butler, declared, at the new Municipal Council Chamber this afternoon, that the cost of the portion now completed was Rs. 850,000, and it was estimated that the total cost of the scheme, including the present building, would be Rs. 2,750,000.

C. V. Lingam, for whom a warrant was issued some time ago on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of certain moneys being long to the Survey Department, Kuala Lumpur, in which he was employed as a clerk, has been arrested in Ipoh. He will be produced in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court in due course.



Miss Ruth Elder, aviator, who planned to pilot the Stinson-Detroler monoplane, "The American Girl," in an attempt to cross the Atlantic to Paris. She failed.

Rome.—His Holiness the Pope has created three new Dioceses in India, namely:—Dinapur, which has been entrusted to missionaries of the Pontifical Institute of St. Peter, Chittagong, which has been entrusted to the Canadian Order of the Holy Cross and Ranchi, which has been entrusted to Belgian Jesuit missionaries.

At the Union Church, Shanghai, on November 24, the marriage took place of Miss M. M. Muddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Muddle, of Roshead, Alexandria, Scotland, and Mr. J. A. Morton, son of the late Mr. William Morton, and Mrs. Morton, of Norwood, Balloch, Scotland. The Rev. E. F. Borst-Smith officiated.

New York.—The long-sought after manuscript of Oscar Wilde's play "The Duchess of Padua," which hitherto was believed to have been lost or destroyed, has just been discovered. It consists of 226 pages in Wilde's exquisite handwriting. It was brought from England last week by the actor son of a Bloomsbury printer, and is now in the possession of the President of the Anderson Galleries.

Writing in the "Shanghai Zarya" a correspondent with reference to the misleading reports appearing in different newspapers on life in Soviet Russia, states: "China, which is on the verge of Bolshevism, more than any other country, should know the truth about the fate which befell Russia, and the conditions under which the Russian people live. Therefore, correspondents who hide this truth by giving false reports, are committing a crime."

London, Nov. 7.—The question which has long been exercising bridge players as to whether "majority calling" should supersede "value calling" was finally decided at a conference of the Card Committee of the Portland Club with representatives of a dozen other leading clubs, after which the statement was issued that a small majority of the clubs favoured "majority calling," but that an individual ballot favoured "value calling," hence the latter has been retained.

A concert is being given at the Diocesan Girls' School this evening, at nine o'clock.

Mr. H. Dreyer, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Peak Hospital, is making good progress.

The debate which had been tentatively arranged for Monday night at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club has been cancelled.

Only 1.32 inches of rain were recorded at the Botanic Gardens last month. Of this .91 inches fell on the 19th and .23 the following day.

A report made to the police by the Sang Kee firm of contractors in Kowloon states that \$200 worth of teakwood has been stolen from a matshed.

A case of canine rabies was reported from the New Territories on Thursday. Two cases of diphtheria, one British and the other Chinese were notified on Thursday.

The opening dance of a series arranged by St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club is to be held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Tuesday evening, beginning at 8.30. The music will be provided by the "Titania" Melodians.

The subject of the lecture to be given by Mr. H. E. Lanepart at the weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society to-morrow (Sunday) evening at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, will be "The Coming of the World Teacher."

The next session of the Indian Science Congress will be held at Calcutta from January 2 to 7 next. The Viceroy and the Governor of Bengal, will be patrons of the session, while Sir R. N. Mookerjee has consented to act as Chairman of the local Committee.

Five progressive and business-like thieves introduced an innovation in crime annals at Shanghai on November 21 when they backed up a stolen motor lorry and raided a tobacco godown at 150 Wahsing Road, stuffing four large cases of tobacco leaf into the interior and making off. They also had a motor car with them, presumably for use in case pursuit got too hot. Their loot totalled \$1,620 in cash and tobacco.

Considerable opposition is being raised by the Huper Provincial Government, and the Shanghai public organisations against the appointment by Nanking of Dr. C. C. Chang as Commissioner of Finance for Hupeh province. Dr. Chang was formerly Acting Minister of Finance in Hankow and local Chinese business bodies claim that he is responsible for the financial chaos which existed under Tang Sheng-chi's regime and which still prevails to-day.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday last, issued by the Principal Civil Officer, contains the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths:—Plague, 3 (3), Bassein (3), Rangoon (6), Colombo 1, Macassar (1); Cholera, Calcutta (106), Madras (1), Rangoon (2), Tuticorin (7), Singapore (2), Batavia (2); Small-pox, Basrah 1 (1), Bombay 4 (1), Calcutta 4 (2), Madras 2 (2), Rangoon 5 (1), Tuticorin 12 (1), Balikpapan (1), Banjarmasin 29 (1), Samarinda (1), Dairen 1, Sourabaya 3.

At an Executive Committee meeting of the Ceylon Tamil League, when Sir P. Ramanathan presided, Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan moved: "The time has come for the granting to Ceylon full responsible government, provided the present ratio of representation in the Legislative Council between the different communities is maintained." The motion was lost. The Committee adopted a resolution that safeguards must be taken in order that no two communities should be in a position to override the interests of the rest.

Singapore, Nov. 24.—The wedding of Mr. William Herbert Page Hall, of Sedenak Estate, Johore, and Miss Ruby Cade, who recently arrived from Home, took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Archdeacon Swindell officiating. Mrs. G. Lawford was matron of honour and Mr. J. E. Richard was best man. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Miller Mackay, looked charming in a dress of ivory georgette with insets of old lace, and a tulle embroidered veil. She carried a bouquet of white lilies. Her going away dress was a shell-pink jumper suit.

Bombay, November 17.—Reliable news at last has filtered through confirming the worst apprehensions regarding the fate of the a.s. "Jayanti" the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's coastal steamer, which sailed on Saturday morning, with 50 passengers and 45 officers and crew on board, for Dabol. The Port Officer of Bombay has issued a communique stating that between Latitude 18 degrees 10 minutes North and Longitude 72 degrees 55 minutes East, and Latitude 18 degrees 20 minutes North and Longitude 72 degrees 55 minutes East, mariners are warned that a wreck constitutes a danger to navigation. The position indicated by the Port Officer is near Janjira, South of Bombay.

Judge Y. S. Ziar has been appointed Acting Chief Justice of the Shanghai Special Provisional Government, according to a report from Nanking.

A monk connected with the Shenuntse Temple in Soochow has recently been found to be a communist. The man was arrested and will immediately be taken to Nanking for trial.

Bombay, Nov. 7.—"Go and interview the Viceroy about it! He will do it better," was the crisp retort made by Mahatma Gandhi to the pressmen who attempted to draw him out with regard to his conference with the Viceroy.

Tokyo.—The Buddhist Priesthood will nominate 30 candidates for the general election next year. Under the new manhood suffrage laws, ecclesiastics are eligible for membership in Parliament, for the first time in the history of Japan.

It was reported on the Glasgow Royal Exchange that Messrs. Redpath, Brown and Co., of Glasgow, have received a contract for the construction of a mill for Messrs. J. and P. Coats, Ltd., in Yorkshire, to be used in connection with artificial silk development.

London, Nov. 17.—At a meeting of the Malay Federated Council, held on November 15, the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, intimated that information at present in their possession pointed to the more or less complete paralysis of rubber smuggling throughout the southern portion of the Malay Peninsula.

London, Nov. 9.—As the result of an anonymous gift of £25,000, the Society of Nautical Research has obtained six months' option for the purchase for the nation of the MacPherson collection. The same donor has given £65,000 for the restoration of Nelson's old flagship, the "Victory," and £15,000 for the restoration of S.M.M. "Implacable."



President Von Hindenburg is an ardent hunter in spite of his advanced years. He is pictured dressed in informal garb in the mountains where he hunts chamois and other big game.

London, Nov. 7.—The War Office has announced the appointments of Colonel L. D. Gepp, C. M. Wagstaff and C. H. Harrison as Commandants of the Amballa, Wowsheera and Ponna Brigades, respectively. Colonel M. R. Paul has been appointed Director of Artillery at Army Headquarters, India.

The beautiful avenues of angensna trees which were one of the glories of Taiping are being cut down for the sake of putting up poles and wires for the electric lighting scheme. This seems to be necessary vandalism, says the "Times of Malaya," as the trees could surely be cut back on one side to make room for the wires instead of being killed wholesale.

London, November 17.—His Majesty the King will be presented with an Empire Christmas pudding to be prepared on December 1, under the auspices of the Empire Day Movement and the Empire Marketing Board. An elaborate ceremony, including the procession of representatives of the participating countries, will be held. Ceylon will contribute the cinnamon for the pudding.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on A. L. Meyer, of the "Evening News," by Judge Chau in the Provisional Court recently, and the civil claim brought against him by V. Shitt-Shatt, president of the Union of Russian Military Invalids, was dismissed. Plaintiff sued for \$1,000 damages, and also for legal expenses together with an apology in respect of an article which was published in the defendant's newspaper, and which plaintiff deemed offensive.

London, Nov. 7.—The death is announced of Lieut.-Colonel Oswald Henry Ames, the tallest man in the British Army. He was about 80 inches tall. Deceased served in the Army for 30 years. He led the Diamond Jubilee Procession through the streets of London in 1897. Lieut.-Col. O. H. Ames, J.P. (Norfolk) was born in 1862 and was educated at Charterhouse. He entered the Herts. Militia in 1881, and the 2nd Life Guards in 1884. He retired in 1906, but rejoined in August, 1914.

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MOTORIZING SECTION

SUPPLY PEAK.

DUE IN THIRTEEN
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For the last few months (says a Detroit report) there has been a comparatively quiet period in the making of motor cars, not only in Michigan, but in other automobile producing States as well. This condition has given the pessimists their periodical opportunities to air views as to the industry in general, and the saturation point in particular.

These utterances, often heard, are not wholly original. They are floated whenever productions and sales of cars drop back to normal, or when a decrease of a few thousand workmen, out of a normal total of approximately 250,000, is announced.

Growing Fast.

The average observer has witnessed the motor car plants expanding almost beyond reason. For more than twenty years the history of the industry has been one of growth. Therefore, the question arises being asked when great concerns order the construction of another fifty or seventy-five acres of additional factory floor space, or body manufacturers are building plants half a mile in length, what attention has been paid to the question of liquidation when that point of saturation is reached.

It has been the business of some of the greatest minds in the automobile industry to look as far into the future as possible, in an effort to determine, from past experience how many automobiles will be necessary to satisfy the demand in this country.

That High Point.

With the recent ending of a thorough survey, and careful analysis of various opinions, the conclusion reached is that in about thirteen years from now, the peak of automobile supply will be reached, with a total of approximately 38,000,000 motor cars in use in the United States alone.

It is not thought likely that the foreign countries will, before 1940, produce any great percentage of the motor cars which their people will use, and the expert demand is increasing rapidly year after year. Expansions which have, within the last two years, cost well up in excess of \$100,000,000 were constructed with but one object in view—to be able to provide for the annual replacements called for in this country and the export business. Ten years from now it is conceded that replacements alone will exceed seven million cars, which is practically twice as many as the present yearly output. To this total must be added the growing demand from foreign countries for American built automobiles.

The conclusion is inevitable that the peak production of motor cars has not yet been reached in this country.

There seems to be little fear despite an occasional lull in the industry, that facilities are being expanded beyond ultimate needs, or that the automobile mechanic will soon be idle.

Employment in the nearly one hundred automobile plants and accessories factories in Detroit continues its upward trend. In a week a total of 2,741 men was added to the payrolls, bringing up the number to 226,150.

Merger rumours that were so prevalent a few weeks ago have died. All manufacturers are satisfied with present outlooks for the summer campaign just ahead of them and have no inclination to tie up with any other company. Competition will be waged, as it has in former years. Practically every automobile manufacturer in Michigan is stepping up production on account of orders being received from dealers throughout the whole country. This has necessitated a readjustment of schedules, which confirm reports that the spring buying season is just about ready to step from second speed into high.

FORD PRODUCTS.

TROPHIES WON IN SPANISH
 EXPOSITIONS.

This year's automobile show at Barcelona was held in and around two great palaces, between which wide flights of marble steps mount toward a third structure placed farther toward the summit of a terraced and wooded hill.

The interior display of the Ford Motor Co. of Spain at Barcelona consisted of a Ford car of each type and a nickel-plated Model T chassis. In the Lincoln section were shown a limousine, a 5-passenger sedan, a Holbrook cabriolet, and a club roadster.

At the foot of the terraces a space containing twelve hundred square meters was devoted to the Fordson tractor. Signs and pennons made the display visible for a mile. Forty-two tractors, most of them in motion, were on display. Each was equipped to perform some agricultural or industrial function. In an airy structure known as a quiesco erected in the Fordson area, a cut-away tractor was kept in operation. On the upper floor of the structure was an open air office for business transactions. Plants and flowers imparted to the scene an air of refreshing coolness.

Ford products have established themselves in Spain by their fine performance. In 1924, Ford cars won all three prizes in a Madrid economy test, and a Lincoln took the Voisin cup for elegance. In 1925, the Lincoln was awarded a diploma and more cups. Both cars have had several subsequent victories.

Early in 1925, a caravan of twenty-one Ford-made cars, trucks and tractors, with a large amount of equipment, including tents and lighting apparatus, made a tour, stopping at ten principal cities and demonstrating to many thousands of Spaniards.

MECCA PILGRIMS.

FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS
 FORSAKE CAMELS.

"Mecca, holiest city of Islam, lies due east, by the camel marches (about 45 miles), from Jidda on the Red Sea." So is the city located in the Koran. But that was written centuries before the Ford car appeared on the scene. Now this city of pilgrims is less than two hours' ride from the Red Sea for the faithful if they drive Ford cars; and an increasing number do.

"His Grace Sheikh Abdullah bin Bulaihid, Chief Justice of Hejaz," so the Ford Motor Company Exports, of Alexandria, advises, "arrived back of Mecca last week after an extended tour into the interior of Arabia, which he accomplished in his private motor car, of Ford manufacture. The total distance travelled was about 1,500 miles, and the route lay over country entirely devoid of roads. His Grace took twelve hours to cover the distance from Medina to Jidda (about 250 miles in an airline)."

"There is very little doubt," reported His Grace, "that the experience of the present pilgrim season, the first on which cars have been employed on a large scale, has established the superior capacity of the Ford to negotiate the type of country encountered in Arabia."

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NEW PROBLEMS.

WHAT THE BUYING PUBLIC
 WANTS.

Unquestionably the immediate future holds forth many new problems for the dealer.

And, as usual, he is going to have to face them with practically no assistance.

The advent of the many projected new models is sure to provide many merchandising problems for him which are going to be extremely difficult of solution because of the practice of the manufacturer in maintaining high production schedules and intensive sales efforts on old models, practically right up to the time of the introduction of the new ones. This might be considered good business from the manufacturer's standpoint, but it is bound to work havoc with the dealer.

Furthermore, when such changes as are now going into production in most of the big plants which render practically every car in the dealer's hands obsolete, the situation takes on such a serious aspect that it brings to mind immediately the old adage about killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

While the majority of new models being placed into production will have only minor body refinements, with improved vision, practically all will be entirely changed in appearance as a result of the lowering of the chassis.

This has been accomplished in some instances by the introduction of the worm drive; in other cases by a modification of the present drive. However, in every instance considerable alteration of the spring suspension and axle construction has been necessary.

The change in appearance is so pronounced that even cars produced within the past week will find themselves classed as "ancient" models.

In addition, the dealer is going to find himself confronted with further used-car problems.

This situation at the present time is probably more serious than it has ever been in the history of the industry. The dealer will not know the real used-car menace that he is facing until after the new models are offered to the public.

Then he will find that the heavy stocks of used cars he had on hand are so obsolete that sales of them will be both difficult and costly. Added to this owners of present models will load him still heavier when they find their cars out of date. The dealer will be forced to take these cars if he is going to make new car sales.

And so he is going to find his problems many.

The introduction of new models is unquestionably good business, and the ending of past production obsolete is undoubtedly progressive merchandising.

The automobile buying public wants the latest developments in the industry, but why should not the manufacturer take the dealer into his confidence and tell him of his projected plans far enough in advance so that he is not left in the dark until almost the last minute only to find himself holding the bag.

Manufacturers have in the past made statements in which they indicated that their future policies would be formulated with the idea in mind of protecting and working with the dealer.

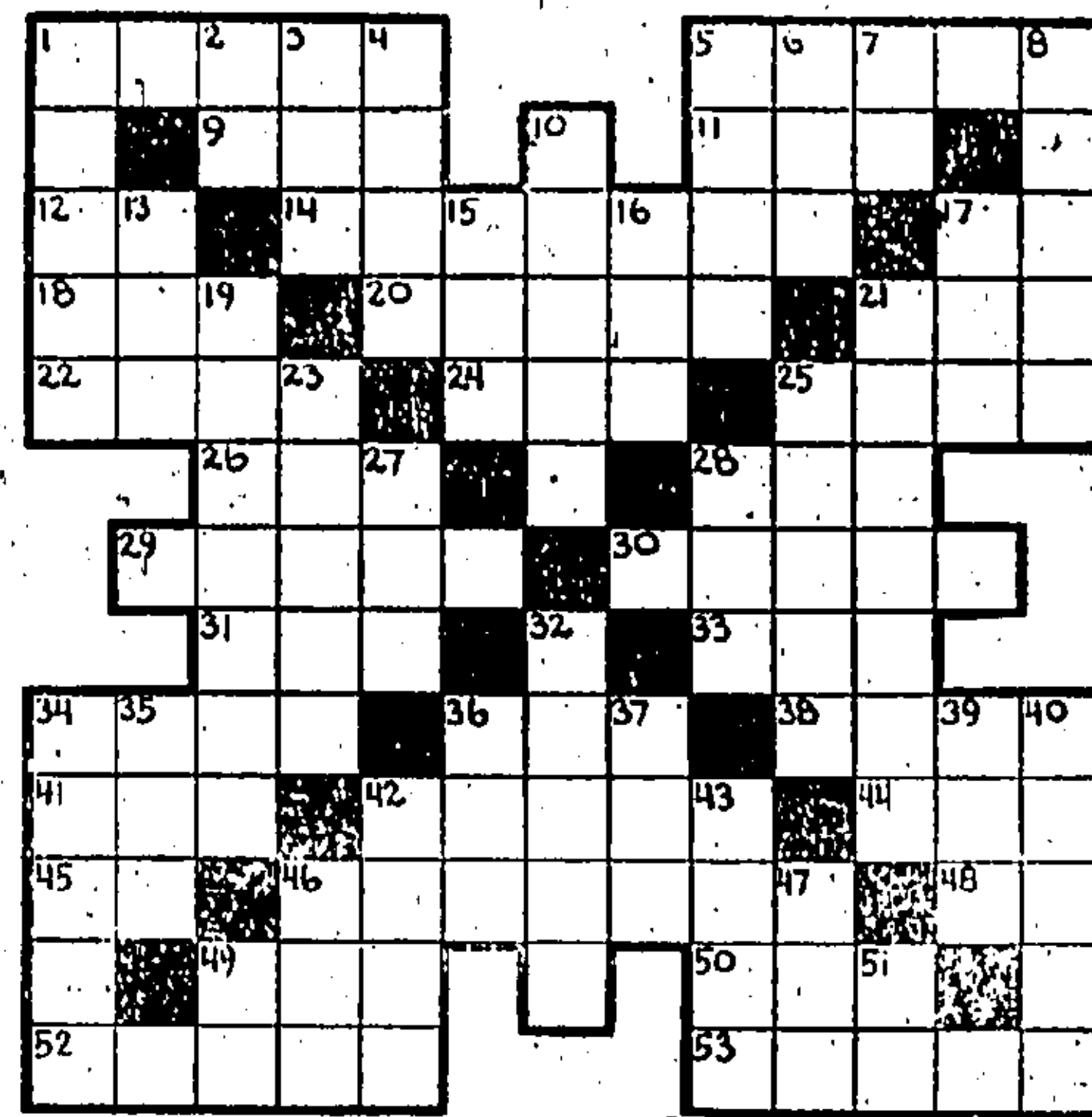
But, time and events have proven conclusively that the dealer has not been taken into the manufacturer's complete confidence.

When will this industry learn that the manufacturer and dealer are in a business partnership and the success of one is dependent upon the success of the other?

We repeat that new models are necessary to the progress of the industry. But, in all fairness and justice, the dealer should have sufficient notice in advance of an impending radical change that will render his stocks on hand obsolete, so that he may plan his business activities wisely and profitably.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harlot, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Gleam | 38-A narrow bed | 13-A chart |
| 2-To thrust in slyly | 39-Dispatched | 14-An eye |
| 3-A large body of water | 41-Street (French) | 15-Turned up |
| 11-A dwarf | 42-A marine growth | 16-The bloom of a sheep |
| 12-Part of verb "to be" | 43-Owing | 17-A small antelope |
| 14-Moved along in numbers | 44-Preposition | 21-Wrenched |
| 17-Along side of | 45-Formed into groups | 23-The whole amount |
| 18-To hang down | 46-Initials of famous American | 25-Trunks of trees |
| 20-A kind of fish | 49-A constellation | 27-A cereal grass |
| 21-Part of verb "to be" | 50-To mop up | 28-Direction |
| 22-Expectorated | 52-Boggy land | 32-A place of public assembly |
| 24-Supplanted | 53-To ward off | 34-An alloy |
| 25-A contemptuous child | VERTICAL | 35-Not in |
| 26-A place for live animals | 1-Lawn vegetation | 36-The cry of a dove |
| 28-Overwhelming sorrow | 2-Part of verb "to be" | 37-To hit gently |
| 29-An elementary substance | 3-A loose meshed material | 38-The fruit of a tree |
| 30-Untrue | 4-Sour | 40-Concise |
| 31-A language (abbr.) | 5-Part of the body (pl.) | 43-Harvest |
| 33-Still | 6-Aged | 45-Smaller quantity |
| 34-A round pod | 7-Conjunction | 46-A precious jewel |
| | 8-An appointment to meet | 47-A small spot |
| | 10-One who courts | 49-Southern State (abbr.) |
| | | 51-Eastern State (abbr.) |

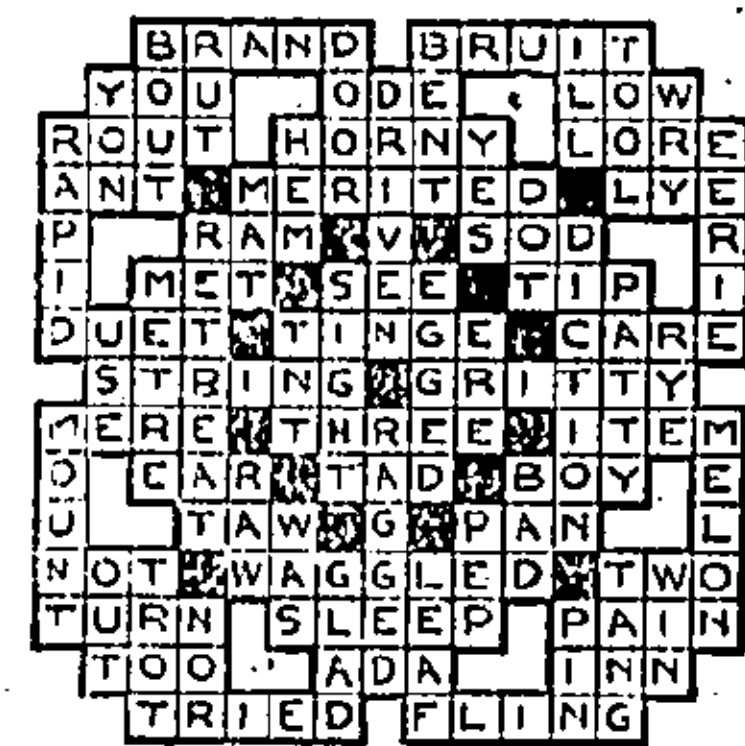
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

FIVE-DECK STREET.

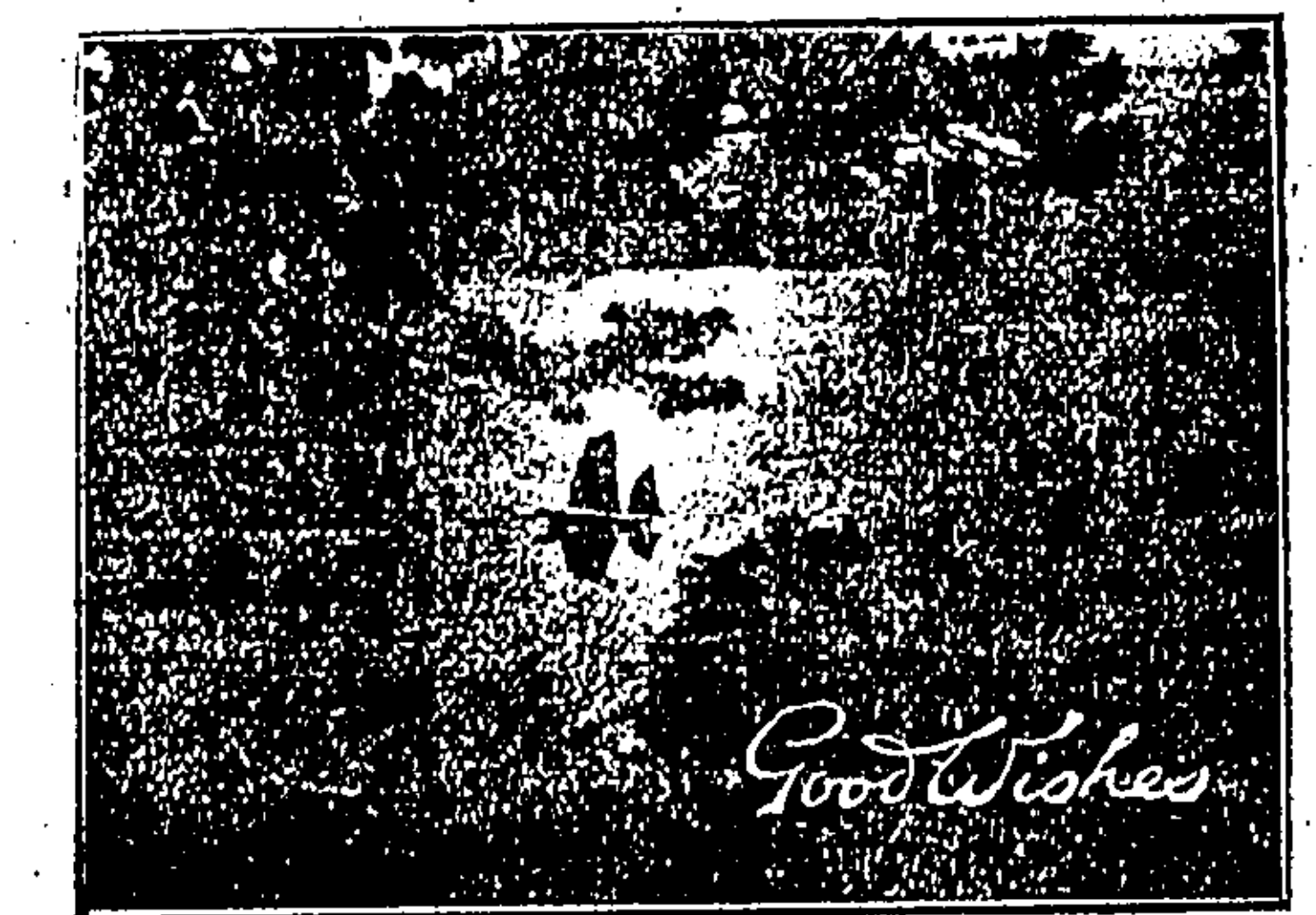
Five-deck streets for New York. That is what a member of the New York traffic commission is urging to speed up traffic. The deck streets, one above the other, would abolish intersections and separate the fast traffic from the show. The eastern traffic expert estimates that 75 per cent. of downtown motor car accidents would be prevented by this method.

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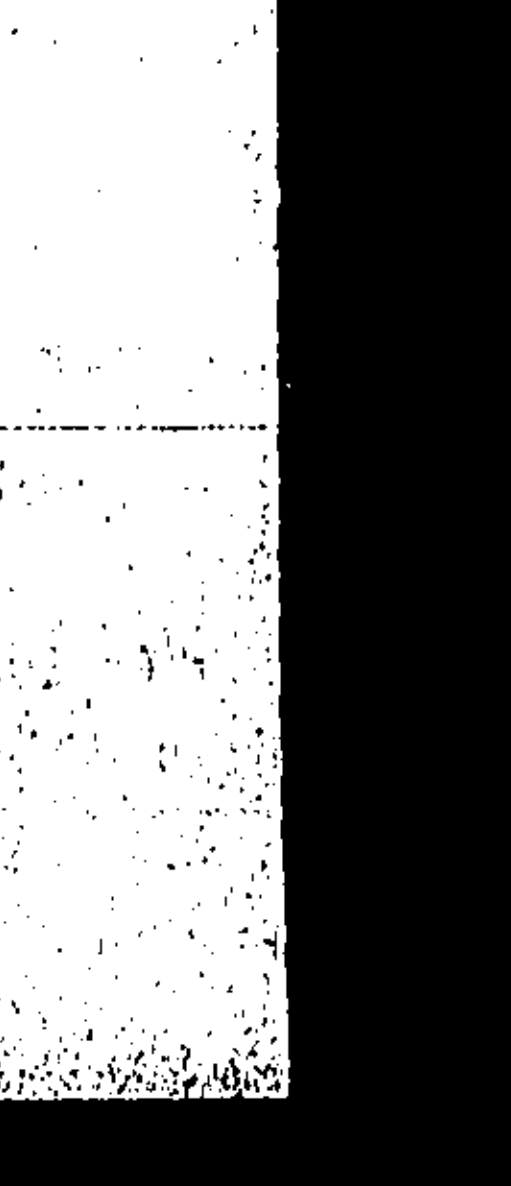
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AN ABLE REVIEW.

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Air travel provides a degree of monotony unqualified by any other form of transport. It lacks both the petty discomforts and the minor distractions of ground travel.

So the air traveller who records his impressions must either give an undue prominence to the abnormal incidents of flying or he must acquire exceptional gifts of observation and descriptive genius and apply them to the occasions upon which he comes to ground.

The Secretary of State for Air has overcome this difficulty and has produced a book of travel which will be of interest far beyond air circles.

Aided By Poetry.

Aided by the poetry in the very place-names of his tour and with a wise restraint on the air enthusiast's natural temptation to prophesy, he achieves a graphic contrast between West and East and between civilisation's latest means of transport and its oldest relics.

So, alas for the League of Nations, we are given the unconscious humour of the chieftain who excuses his inability to meet the official representative of modern civilisation, on the ground that "he had



Sir S. Hoare.

had to go off to fight a war;" we have the record, almost indelicate in its contrast, of viewing, from a 1,500 horsepower aeroplane, Professor Woolley's lying bare of the remains of a city, ancient even in the days of Abraham; and we are faced with the problem of whether the higher civilisation is represented by the sheik who blows his toes off by accidental gun fire in the morning, yet, with the aid of carpet slippers, attends an official reception in the afternoon, or by those who are subjected to "a fear that even an unromantic cold in the head" may bring to naught the elaborate preparations made for a 10,000 mile journey.

Less obvious, perhaps, though significant, is the contrast in the status of long-distance flight now and a decade ago. Then MacLaren's flight to India and that of Ross Smith through India to Australia were great adventures. But where they led so many have now followed that a meeting at Alexandria with an unnamed French pilot, who was passing through Egypt on a return flight from Madagascar to France, is recorded in these pages without further comment; while the flights of Messrs. Stack and Lecky to India in little De Havilland "Moths," at a cost which make the mileage cost of a Morris car appear extravagant, are remarked on chiefly for the conquest of the luggage problem.

Special Distinctions.

None the less, the flight which is the subject of the book has distinctions of its own, and Sir Samuel Hoare's impressions are understandable: "A woman had for the first time made the journey, a Minister of the Crown had for the first time flown to a distant part of the Empire, and an Air Marshal had for the first time taken over his command from an aeroplane."

Of these, Lady Maud Hoare has the satisfaction of establishing a claim to sex equality in the face of a special susceptibility to discomfort in air travel; Sir Samuel Hoare sets a precedent that, with the calls on the time of Cabinet Ministers, must inevitably become a practice for both Home and Overseas Ministers of the Crown; and Sir Geoffrey Salomon, who had flown the route before and had, indeed,

supervised much of the lay-out of its ground organisation puts into practice an ideal which international law governing flight of military aircraft will make it difficult to repeat.

Four Air Lessons.

Of the air lessons to be drawn from the book there are, I think, four:—

First, that the military control of a district by air force is a means and not an end. In assisting to suppress warlike practices it does useful work. Yet, just as the civilising effect of the Roman road in this country survived the withdrawal of Roman military force, so Sir Samuel Hoare finds the making of the N.W. frontier roads to be removing the incentive to rebellion and crime. Where peace is held from the air the foundation of progress must be laid on the ground.

Second, that while the De Havilland "Hercules," with an ability to maintain flight on any two of its three engines, marks a considerable advance towards safety, there remains room for a reduction in dependence upon human skill in pilotage and navigation; for the flight clearly tested the great skill and experience of its pilots, Captains Barnard and Woolley Dod, and its navigator, Captain Johnston.

Thirdly, that to India the air offers a special opportunity for improving its transport; an opportunity long urged, not yet grasped, but which the experiences related in this book reaffirm with a strength that should be productive.

Finally—a situation robbing the flight of much of its motive and value—the present inability to put into operation a regular service of which this was to have been the inaugural flight. For reasons not yet made public, the Persian Government has not seen fit to maintain its permission for such a service over its territory. So, for the social uses of the air, as indeed for military uses for which in any warlike event no such permission could be given, we must turn to our natural island element and give primary consideration to the development of the marine vessel that flies.

COLONEL LE BLANC.

Reports On His Siam Trip

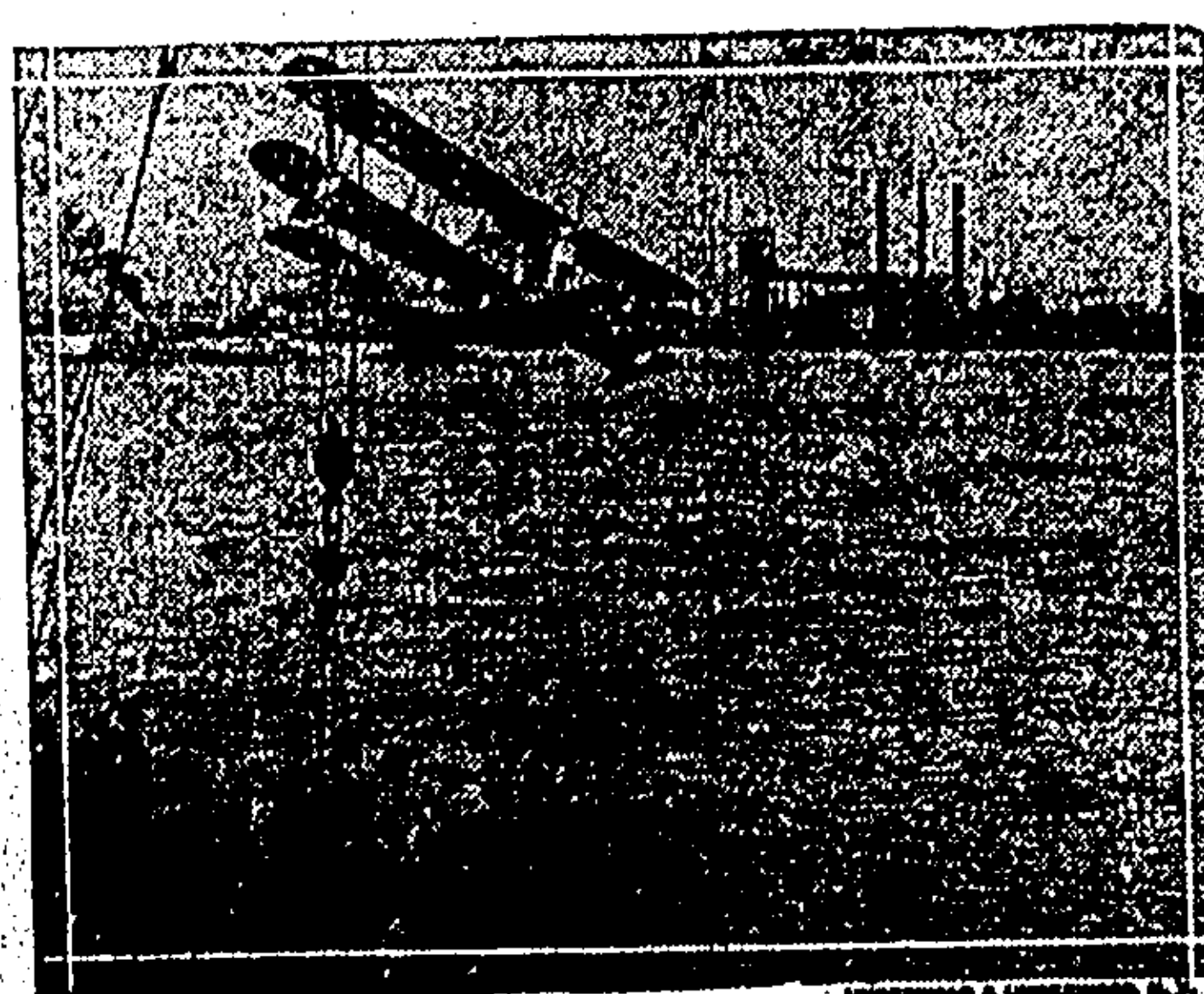
Paris, Nov. 18.

Colonel Le Blanc, head of the military aeronautical service of Indo-China, and the sub-lieutenant who was his pilot, reported that, after leaving Bangkok last Monday, at 9 o'clock on the aeroplane "Pitez" with a Lorraine motor of 450 horse-power, he returned to Hanoi on the same day, arriving at 3.15 p.m. after a flight of 1,100 kilometres without a stop.

This tour has developed a new type in the aviation service of Indo-China, and will affect conditions preparatory to regularity and precision, as shown by the fixed timetable of the two aviators who have just returned. This has enabled for the first time the realisation of the practicality of regular aerial connection between Hanoi and Bangkok, with only one stop, on the turn in the round trip.

The returned aviators mentioned that they met with a warm reception in the capital of Siam, both from members of the Government and from their Siamese aviator comrades.

In a special audience of His Majesty the King of Siam, Colonel Le Blanc mentioned that he was the bearer of a message on behalf of the Governor-General of Indo-China not only as one of congratulation on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday, but as a proof that a direct line of air service had become possible between the respective capitals of their two friendly countries.



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ADVICE TO MEN.

GROWING DEMAND FOR BRITISH CRAFT.

COBHAM'S EMPIRE PLANS.

London, Oct. 19.

Mr. T. Stanhope Sprigg (Editor of Airways) writes to the "Singapore Free Press":—

Most of us who take a serious interest in aviation were, I fancy, surprised at some statements about the business which Sir Alfred Yarrow made the other day in an article that he contributed to the "London Press." Sir Alfred, of course, is the famous shipbuilder whose name and products are known all over the Seven Seas. He has just consented to retire from



Miss Frances Grayson, one of America's girl fliers. Miss Grayson recently planned a trans-Atlantic flight from Maine to Copenhagen, but the trip has been postponed to a later date.

active business at the mature age of 86, but he does not say to the youth of his generation: "Look at me! Go thou and do likewise." Much on the contrary, in fact.

His advice to the bright boys of to-day is to try to associate themselves "with some rising firm in a rising industry in a rising country." In other words, it is no good for them to go out and look inside a dustbin and moan over the broken idols of the past. Sixty years ago it was quite right—as events proved—for him and for others to start out as a shipbuilder. Now, however, things have totally changed. "Aeroplane construction," remarks this clear-minded, gifted and honoured old man, "is the industry of the immediate future, and if I could slip back the years I should associate myself with some branch of aeroplane building."

Really, these are very brave and noteworthy words. They deserve most careful consideration for they do not come from a man who has ever cared one snap of the fingers about popularity but from one who has stuck steadily to his life's task and has seen it whole. We who adopted aviation as a profession are all a little too much inclined to apologise for the absorbing faith in which we are risking our lives, our money, our whole future careers in the flying world. It can only steel our nerve to read Sir Alfred's calm bland prediction "In a few years time we shall be flying from town to town as we now go by train, car or ship." As the poet said,

"The sunset of life gives us mystical lore
And coming events cast their shadows before."

Happily, there is no question that here in England, at all events, there is considerable activity just now in aircraft circles. The men in the trade whom you chance to meet talk no longer about the difficulties of the Spanish and the South American markets, the steady pressure of the Scandinavian countries, the dark and sinister building of aeroplanes by Soviet Russia. They have discovered that the British victory in the Schneider Trophy

contest has already begun to re-act favourably on the sale of British aircraft.

Indeed, an air correspondent tells me that "One large order has materialised as the direct result of this victory. In this case a foreign trade mission was wavering between French, American, and British type of craft. The order has now been placed with a British firm and in explanation of the decision the buyers state that when two British Supermarine-Napier monoplane can alone complete such an arduous course there is definite superiority over machines of other countries."

South African Plans.

On previous occasions I have chronicled in this column the growing preference that experts are exhibiting for all-metal aircraft and within the last few months advances have been effected in the material and equipment of these machines. Manufacturers here were, therefore, not all at surprised to hear that a proposition has been placed before the South African Government for the erection of a factory in South Africa to turn out all-metal aircraft and all-metal goods of various descriptions. Indeed, I am assured that there was no difficulty at all in making the project, for the firm belief is held that South Africa has a very big part to play in the near future in the development of civil aviation.

The air situation in India is nothing like so satisfactory, I fear. Our flights thither have done a little to key things up, but folks at home are frankly disappointed more has not been accomplished by India generally as an Empire. Is this, however, to be changed soon? For example, I read the other day that the Allahabad "Pioneer" states authoritatively that steps are being taken to encourage and provide facilities for civil aviation throughout India. The importance of Allahabad geographically as a junction for air services has long been urged, and it has been decided to reconstruct the old aerodrome of Bamrauli, seven miles away, and to build hangars and bungalow accommodation. Allahabad will thus become the most important trans-Indian air station in a chain of proposed aerodromes on the Calcutta-Allahabad route. Aerodromes will be constructed at Benares, Gaya, Asansole, and Dum Dum, and also a Cawnpore. The Lucknow Government intend building landing grounds at all cantonments.

That, of course, is bulky for Allahabad—but, one reconstructed old aerodrome and several hangars all seven miles distant are scarcely calculated to make the city "the

most important trans-Indian air station" as the "Pioneer" states, and I wish very much that we could hear further and better particulars from other centres affected.

On thing seems to be tolerably clear. It is this. Sailors, as sailors, will have to be consulted more and more about the chances and the dangers of these cross-ocean flights. I do not write this because in the days of my youth I happened to be a sailor and traversed most of the Seven Seas, or because one of my proudest possessions is still the mate's ticket I wrung just after the war ended from a reluctant examiner of the Board of Trade. I have just been reading what a navigator on the Cunard liner "Corona" has been saying about trans-Atlantic flying, and even if in my case he were preaching to the already converted, I find his views deserve respect and consideration from all who care about the good name of flying. He remarks:—

"Knowledge which we seafarers have always at our fingertips, without which indeed, we should neither think of attempting or being allowed to attempt the taking of a vessel from one port to another, let alone trans-ocean trip, these fliers appear to try to crush into a few days or weeks, while making other preparations for their flights."

"I suggest that it would be a useful and inexpensive plan to utilise the regular liners crossing the Atlantic for the purpose of fixing the positions of aircraft."

"It has been found that the two leading Atlantic liner companies have a vessel in about every 10 degree zone of longitude. It would be a simple matter for one of these vessels in each zone to be the 'master ship' and to receive reports from other ships in its zone, clock these, and transmit positions to all concerned, including air-craft."

Anyway, it is obvious that in future cross-Atlantic flights we shall have to remember that even our sailors can sometimes contribute a little helpful knowledge as those who have been forced to descend to the water, such as Miss Ruth Elder, have found.

New Air Line.

One cannot omit this week to offer a word of hearty congratulation to my old friend Sir Alan Cobham on his project for an air line through Africa. In the organisation of such a task he is exactly the right man in the right place—a thing I did not feel so confident about when I saw him on the films in the screen drama "The Flight Lieutenant."

It appears that Sir Alan hopes to start in November on what he terms a "utility flight of survey." His route is to be right round

Africa, returning via the west coast. The trip will be one of 20,000 miles and the craft to be used will be a Short all metal flying boat fitted with two Rolls-Royce Condor engines.

Sir Alan told me at a recent dinner we attended to celebrate The Schneider Trophy victory, that his company (Alan Cobham Aviation Ltd.), has been working on this route for nearly twelve months. They hope by means of this flight to stimulate interest so that the "Through route" will be running by the end of next year. Kenya will then be but seven days from England, instead of a month as at present, Rhodesia nine days, and South Africa ten days. Such a flight has never been undertaken before and is of great importance to future Imperial air communications, having for its objects the ultimate establishment of a trans-African air service from Cape Town to Cairo, and a survey of the possibilities for a flying-boat route, linking all the territories on the West Coast.

Alan Cobham Aviation Limited is working in close co-operation with the North Sea Aerial and General Transport Company, the moving spirits in which are Mr. Robert Blackburn and Captain Gladstone. The latter have already arranged to run that section of the Cape-to-Cairo Air Route from Cairo to Kisumu and it will be the object of the Company to carry on eventually from Kisumu to Capetown. In fact an amalgamation of the two Companies appears to be inevitable.

LINDBERGH.

Science Degree With Prelates' Aid.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18.

An honorary degree of master of science in aeronautics was conferred upon Charles A. Lindbergh here to-day by St. Joseph's College. The honour was the first of its kind the aviator has received since his trans-Atlantic flight.

The degree was conferred in the presence of diplomats of 14 countries, churchmen and Knights of Columbus. Cardinal Dougherty took a prominent part in the ceremony.—Associated Press.



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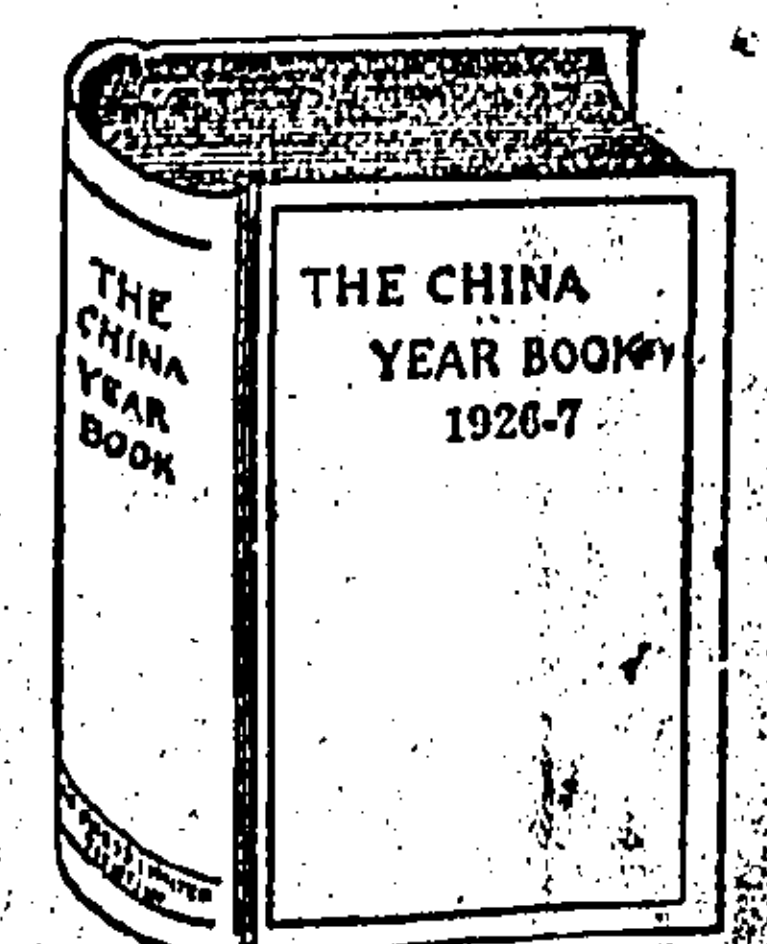
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CABLE COMPANIES.

Affected By Wireless Telegraphy.

INVESTIGATION PROMISED.

Importance Of Both Systems Fully Recognised.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In view of the adverse effect on the receipts of the telegraphic Cable Companies resulting from the development of wireless telegraphy and notably of the beam system of linking up Britain and the Dominions, negotiations have been opened by the Cable Companies with the Government and the matter is to be fully investigated.

The importance of both systems in their different spheres is fully admitted and in the discussions proceeding it is recognised that owing to their secrecy and freedom from atmospheric interference, the cables have advantages in some respects over wireless from a strategic standpoint.

The newspapers anticipate that a Committee representative of the interests affected will review the whole question.—British Wireless Service.

CLERK CHARGED.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GAS.

BAIL OF \$500.

The case in which a Portuguese clerk employed by the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd., is charged with stealing gas by means of a trick and of making false entries in the account books of his employers, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted on behalf of the Gas Company and Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen. defended the accused.

Asked by his Worship whether the case would take more than one afternoon, Mr. Leo d'Almada answering: "I really don't know how many witnesses my friend intends calling, but I shall subpoena at least a dozen."

Mr. Wadson intimated that he also would be calling a number of witnesses.

Mr. d'Almada: Has your Worship a copy of the amended charge? I submit at this juncture that it is still insufficiently worded. Seven years are involved, but there is no mention of the amount of gas that we are alleged to have stolen. They can measure gas in cubic feet.

Mr. Lindsell: How on earth can they know in this particular case?

Mr. d'Almada: They must if they prefer a charge of false pretences. The same remark applies to the theft of gas.

His Worship agreed to note counsel's objection, promising to give a ruling on the point at the next hearing, which was fixed for Friday morning next, the Magistrate allowing bail in \$500.

ALLIED CONTROL.

COMMISSION WITHDRAWING FROM VIENNA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In accordance with the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference, the organisation set up in Vienna for the liquidation of the military clauses of the Treaty of Saint Germain will be withdrawn on January 21.

This is the last of several international commissions of control established in ex-enemy countries under the terms of the Peace Treaties.

The commission supervising this work in Germany completed its work in January, and similar organisations in Bulgaria and Hungary have since been withdrawn.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI STRIKES.

TRAMWAY SERVICE NOW RESTRICTED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
There is a restricted service of 18 trams out of a normal 185 running to-day. Each tram driver is guarded by two Chinese police. No railless trams are running.—Reuter.

TRADE REVIVAL.

Bankers and Their Constituents.

GENERAL CHAMBER'S VIEWS.

Principal Market Disorganised By Civil Strife.

The following letter has been addressed by the General Chamber of Commerce to the Chinese Chamber:—

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce,
29th November, 1927.
The Secretary,
Chinese Chamber of Commerce,
Hong Kong.

Dear Sir,

Trade Situation.
With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, I beg to inform you that the conference of representatives of the two Chambers duly took place at this office on November 24, when I was requested by the meeting to notify your Chamber of what transpired.

All the delegates appointed by the two Chambers were present. The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided.

It was explained by the delegates of the Chinese Chamber that it was desired, through the General Chamber of Commerce, to approach the banking institutions of the Colony asking if they could see their way to granting somewhat easier facilities to merchants on the lines set forth in your letter of October 28.

In reply to this it was pointed out on behalf of this Chamber that by publishing its letter the Chinese Chamber had already fully acquainted bankers with their views and that it might be taken for granted that, as far as possible, bankers would respond to the appeal, although, in the nature of things, the extent of trading facilities granted must depend on the circumstances of each particular case. This Chamber had every reason to believe (so far as the British and foreign banks are concerned, with which it is in closer touch than with Chinese banks) that, instead of placing any hindrance in the way of trade, the bankers are at special pains to do all they can to promote trade in these difficult times when unsettled conditions in China inevitably restrict the free exchange of commodities and reduce the purchasing power of the people. In short, the Committee of this Chamber was confident of approaching the banks on the lines suggested, being convinced that the banks need no advice in the sense of doing all they can to encourage trade, and being conscious also that it was outside the province of the Chamber to suggest to bankers the lines on which they should deal with their constituents—a matter in which they must act in accordance with their own judgment, having in view the interests of their shareholders and depositors.

By way of rejoinder it was submitted that Chinese merchants who, in recent times of stress have approached British bankers for the first time, have not received treatment as generous as could be wished. As to this, the Chairman of this Chamber undertook to take up personally and confidentially any cases of hardship of this kind of which particulars were supplied, and the representatives of the Chinese Chamber undertook, if they could obtain the consent of the parties, to furnish particulars in confidence.

It was felt by this Chamber that a general statement that business was handicapped by the attitude of the banks was not enough, and that actual instances must be given of loss of trade due to unreasonable refusal to grant financial facilities before the General Chamber of Commerce could profitably take up the matter. It was agreed to postpone to another occasion the question raised in the last paragraph of your letter referring to the effect of the high cost of labour on trade.

The representatives of this Chamber assured the representatives of the Chinese Chamber that

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

"OUT OF STEP."

Two New Defensive Alliances.

EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION.

M. Briand's Invitation To Signor Mussolini.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Franco-Italian relations and the recent Franco-Yugo-Slavian and Italo-Albanian treaties are discussed in the "Times." The newspaper considers that the "serious and novel feature in the situation is that as the result of the diplomatic manoeuvres of the last few weeks a defensive alliance in which France plays a leading part is now opposed in the European perspective to another defensive alliance in which the chief part is played by Italy. The whole proceeding suggests that somehow two great nations have suddenly fallen out of step in the slow process of European construction."

The "Times" characterises the position reached as the result of a series of trivial incidents so as to be simply absurd but that the risks are so large as to suggest an immediate remedy. The attitude of the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister in keeping aloof from the extremist element is approved by the "Times" and M. Briand is described as putting the whole question in a new perspective through his invitation to Mussolini to come to a frank understanding on Franco-Italian differences and his suggestion of a meeting to clear up misunderstandings.

The newspaper adds that this statesmanlike proposal is calculated to appeal to the most generous instincts of Mussolini, who absorbed, as he has been of late, in the immense task of internal reconstruction, may welcome this opportunity of making a fresh contribution to the general well-being of Europe. It cannot be forgotten that he is a signatory of the Locarno Treaty. The present apparent antagonism may be turned to great profit if it is used as a heaven-sent occasion for carrying through such a thorough and far-reaching agreement between France and Italy as shall reduce all recent unpleasant episodes to oblivion.—British Wireless Service.

"LOCKED OUT."

DEVELOPMENT IN LUMPER'S STRIKE.

21,000 MEN IDLE.

Sydney, Yesterday.

Inter-State and overseas trade is paralysed, 130 ships being tied up at the various ports of Australia. Hundreds of waterside workers arrived at the wharves this morning and found themselves "locked out."

It is believed that 21,000 will be unemployed in New South Wales, excluding 25,000 miners, if the dispute extends.—Reuter.

They were in the fullest sympathy with the efforts their Chamber has made in recent months to discover some means of improving the trade situation, and the Committee as a whole desires me to give the same assurance. It is the belief of this Chamber, however, that trade in Hong Kong is bound to be adversely affected whilst the Colony's principal market is disorganised by civil strife and that Hong Kong merchants will unfortunately find it necessary to adapt themselves to conditions of restricted trade until the general situation improves.

I have been specially requested by the delegates from the Chamber to express to Mr. Li Yau-tsun and his colleagues at the meeting their high appreciation of the interesting discussion which took place, and to express the hope that it will be the forerunner of many others in furtherance of our common interests.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter dated October 28 and of this letter to the Exchange Bankers' Association for the information of the Exchange Banks.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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